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OF
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OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,
IN THE
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HELD AT
MASONIC HALL, IN THE CITY OF OTTAWA

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ADDRESS

JAMES SEYMOUR, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO, GRAND Z.
R. P. STEPHENS, TORONTO, ONTARIO, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At the Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874,

PRESENT,

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| M. E. Comp. | C. D. Macdonnell, | Grand Z. | } Grand Council. |
| R. " " | W. H. Weller, | H. | |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, as " J. | | |

On the Throne.

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| R. E. Comp. | J. W. Murton, acting Grand Scribe E. | |
| " " | J. J. Mason, as " Scribe N. | |
| " " | Wm. Reid, " Prin. Sojourner. | |
| " " | David McLellan, " Treasurer. | |
| " " | F. J. Menet, as " Registrar. | |
| " " | C. Black, as " 1st. Asst. Sojourn'r. | |
| " " | J. O'Connor, as " 2nd " " | |
| V. " " | J. Satchell, " Sword Bearer. | |
| " " | Wm. Somerville, as " Standard Bearer. | |
| " " | H. G. Summers " Dir. of Ceremonies. | |
| " " | Wm. Kerr, as " Organist. | |
| " " | C. S. Scott, as " Pursuivant. | |
| " " | J. B. Nixon, " Steward. | |
| " " | F. R. Despard, as " Steward. | |
| " " | John Sweetman, " Janitor. | |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | T. C. Macnabb, | London District. |
| " " " | C. L. Beard, | Wilson " |
| " " " | I. F. Toms, | Huron " |
| " " " | Daniel Spry, | Toronto " |
| " " " | Peter Begg, | Ontario " |
| " " " | E. M. Copeland, | Montreal " |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. D. Harrington, | P. G. Z. |
| R. " " | W. J. B. McLeod Moore, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | L. H. Henderson, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | Jas. Seymour, | P. G. H. |
| " " " | Henry Robertson, | P. G. J. |
| " " " | John J. Gemmell. | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | J. W. Murton, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | G. H. Dartnell, | P. G. Sup't. |
| " " " | F. J. Menet, | P. G. P. Soj'r. |
| V. " " | R. Kincaid, | P. G. Steward. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. D. Harrington, | of Tennessee. |
| " " " | " " | of California. |
| R. " " | Jas. Seymour, | of Indiana. |
| " " " | Henry Robertson, | of Dist. of Columbia. |
| " " " | " " | of New York. |
| " " " | David McLellan, | of Georgia. |

VISITORS.

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| M. E. Comp. | The Hon. Albert Pike, | P. G. H. P., Arkansas. |
| " " " | D. B. Tracey, | Detroit, Michigan. |

A Constitutional number of Chapters being in attendance, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, was opened in *Ample Form* at 1.45 o'clock P. M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed E. Comps. G. H. Dartnell, Alex. Murray, and Chauncy Bennett, a Committee on Creden-

tials of Representatives, reported the following as being present during the Sessions, viz :

No 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P. Z.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

E. Comp. F. R. Despard, H.
R. " " Wm. Reid, P. Z.

No. 3 ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

E. Comp. James O'Connor, Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

E. Comp. R. P. Stephens, Z.
R. " " F. J. Menet, P. Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

E. Comp. H. A. Baxter, Z.
" " James Moffatt, P. Z.

No 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Z.
R. " " J. W. Murton, P. Z.
" " " D. McLellan, P. Z.
" " H. A. MacKay, P. H.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P. Z.
" " Wm. Docter, P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

V. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Z.
R. " " D. Spry, P. Z.
" " " D. Mc Lellan, P. Z.
" " W. C. Morrison, P. H.

No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

R. E. Comp. D. R. Munro, P. Z.

- No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.
 E. Comp. W. A. Taylor, Proxy.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, O.
 E. Comp. Thos. Parkinson, Z.
- No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.
 E. Comp. Wm. Somerville, Z.
 " " Wm. Kerr, H.
 " " C. S. Scott, J.
 M. " " T. D. Harington, P. Z.
 " " J. G. Gemmell, P. Z.
 R. " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P. Z.
- No. 17. DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO, Q.
 E. Comp. W. A. Taylor, Z.
- No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.
 R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, P. Z.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.
 R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z.
- No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
 E. Comp. J. G. A. LeBlanc, H.
 R. " " E. M. Copeland, P. Z.
- No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, O.
 E. Comp. John Satchell, Z.
- No. 23. EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, O.
 E. Comp. Chauncy Bennett, Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, O.
 E. Comp. John Gibson, Z.
- No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
 E. Comp. H. Le Cappellaine, Z.
 " " C. W. Woodford, J.

- No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.
R. E. Comp. Peter Begg, P. Z.
- No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, O.
R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P. Z.
- No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, O.
E. Comp. M. Gilbranson, Z.
R. " " G. H. Dartnell, P. Z.
- No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, O.
E. Comp. C. E. S. Black, H.
- No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, O.
R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Z.
- No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, O.
E. Comp. S. M. Conger, Z.
- No. 34. SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, O.
V. E. Comp. H. G. Summers, P. Z.
- No. 35. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, O.
R. E. Comp. G. H. Dartnell, P. Z.
- No. 36. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBOROUGH, O.
V. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, P. Z.
" " " J. O'Donnell, P. J.
- No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, O.
V. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, Proxy.
- No. 38. SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, O.
R. E. Comp. D. Spry, Proxy.
- No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, O.
E. Comp. W. D. Hepburn, Z.
" " F. Biscoe, J.

- No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, O.
 R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Proxy.
- No. 42. MONTREAL CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
 E. Comp. John McLean, J.
- No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE, O.
 E. Comp. S. M. Conger, Proxy.
- No. 45. EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, COLBORNE, O.
 R. E. Comp. Peter Begg, P. Z.
- No. 47. WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM, O.
 R. E. Comp. T. C. MacNabb, P. Z.
- No. 48. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, COBOURG, O.
 R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, P. Z.
- No. 49. ELORA CHAPTER, ELORA, O.
 R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Proxy.
- No. 50. SAUGEEEN CHAPTER, WALKERTON, O.
 E. Comp. E. A. Healy, Z.
- No. 51. ST. CHARLES CHAPTER, POINT ST. CHARLES, Q.
 E. Comp. Alex. Murray, Z.
- No. 53. BRUCE CHAPTER, PETROLIA, O.
 R. E. Comp. T. C. MacNabb, Proxy.
- No. 55. NIAGARA CHAPTER, NIAGARA, O.
 R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z.
- No. 56. GEORGIAN CHAPTER, OWEN SOUND, O.
 R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Proxy.
- U. D. PEMBROKE CHAPTER, PEMBROKE, O.
 E. Comp. W. R. White, Z.

U. D. SUSSEX CHAPTER, BROCKVILLE, O.

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| E. Comp. Geo. C. Longley, | Z. |
| “ “ John Dumbrille, | H. |

U. D. GRANITE CHAPTER, PERTH, O

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| E. Comp. J. F. Kennedy, | Z. |
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U. D. YORK CHAPTER, EGLINTON.

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| R. E. Comp. D. Spry, | Z. |
| V. “ “ J. B. Nixon, | P. Z. |

U. D. HAVELOCK CHAPTER, LUCKNOW, O.

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| R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, | P. Z. |
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On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, during the Session of the Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings at the last Annual Convocation, as recorded, when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, and resolved,—

That inasmuch as the proceedings of the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the City of Kingston, on the 13th day of August, A.D. 1873, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes of such proceedings be considered as read, and the same be confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following address to the Companions assembled in Annual Convocation :

ADDRESS

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of Canada.*

GREETING :

COMPANIONS,—On assembling at this time it is necessary that I should explain the cause for so doing.

Shortly, in fact almost immediately after the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, our late R. E. Companion, Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E. of this Grand Chapter, was prostrated by serious illness, and his life despaired of. While in this dangerous state, it was intimated to me by many members of this Grand Chapter that the approaching meeting in August was causing him great uneasiness of mind, and by postponing the same it might be the means—by removing the anxiety—of accelerating his restoration to health. Out of consideration for the eminent services rendered the Royal Craft by our late lamented Companion, and of my own high personal esteem for him, I decided to postpone the meeting of the Grand Chapter until the second Wednesday in October, well aware that in so departing from the constitutional period of assembling for so desirable a cause, it would not only meet with the unanimous approval of the Grand Chapter, but also be deemed a well merited tribute of consideration towards the suffering companion, and the distress thereby entailed upon his afflicted family.

Having thus explained the reason for not meeting in August, my first duty will be to record the loss the Royal Craft has sustained by the death of our late Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion, Thomas B. Harris, who died on the 18th day of August last, and was buried with Masonic honours on the 21st of the same month, the Grand Lodge of Canada having been summoned for that special purpose, the M. W. the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, conducting the ceremonies attendant on the solemn occasion. I availed myself of the mournful privilege of being present in my official capacity, and assisted in paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit.

In recounting the valuable services of the deceased R. E. Companion to this Grand Chapter, I feel that no language I can use will adequately convey a just sense of the loss it has sustained by his melancholy decease. Elected to the responsible position of Grand Scribe E. at its formation in 1857, each successive year witnessed a renewal of his term of office with the warmest cordiality, until death deprived us of the privilege of again tendering him a fresh mark of the confidence felt in his painstaking energy, and unselfish devotion to the interests confided to his trust. Ever prompt and attentive in the discharge of his duties, it was also a distinguished trait of his character to be affable and courteous to all with whom he had business relations; and whether in official or private correspondence with his companions, his views and opinions always breathed that true spirit of Freemasonry which showed how thoroughly his head and heart were imbued with its exalted teachings. His unassuming disposition, his generosity of nature, his cheerful readiness at all times and frequently under trying circumstances, to perform acts of substantial kindness towards those requiring such offices at his hands deservedly won for him from the Royal Craft its highest measure of regard; and now that his period of usefulness on earth has terminated, I doubt not that this Grand Chapter will heartily unite with the other Orders of Masonry—in whose service his best days and energies were spent—in erecting an enduring monument to perpetuate his memory to succeeding generations.

The reports of District Superintendents will doubtless supply you with the obituary record of the past year. I cannot, however, pass over without some notice the loss which the Grand Chapter has sustained in the demise of R. E. Comp., J. V. Noel, Past Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Superintendent for Manitoba, and R. E. Companion, Thos. Duggan, P. G. H., and P. G. Supt. Hamilton District. Both of these Companions were zealous Masons and upright and honorable men, and Grand Chapter will willingly extend its tribute of respect to the memory of these Companions who have done so much to advance the interests and promulgate the genuine tenets of R. A. Masonry.

Once more we are permitted to assemble in annual convocation

to consult together and endeavour to promote the best interests of the Royal Craft.

Grand Chapter now meets for the seventeenth time, and I am sure we have good reason to congratulate ourselves on the sure and steady progress of the order.

It affords me a great deal of pleasure in being able to state that during my term of office no complaint for unmasonic conduct has been laid before me, and I am led to believe that peace and harmony prevails within our borders.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have signed Dispensations for the following new Chapters, viz :

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| KING HIRAM,..... | PORT COLBORNE, ONT. |
| PEMBROKE,..... | PEMBROKE, ONT. |
| SUSSEX,..... | BROCKVILLE, ONT. |
| DORIC,..... | NEWMARKET, ONT. |
| GRANITE,..... | PERTH, ONT. |
| YORK, | EGLINTON, ONT. |
| HAVELOCK..... | LUCKNOW, ONT. |

I believe that they have all been properly organized, and as the several petitions came before me duly recommended, I advise their confirmation by warrant. I also received applications for new Chapters at Rondeau and Guelph, Ontario. The one from Rondeau lacking the recommendation of the Grand Superintendent of the District, I declined to grant the Dispensation asked for. In the case of the application for another chapter at Guelph, it reached me so near the meeting of this Convocation that I deemed it inadvisable to issue my Dispensation. The acting Grand Scribe E. will present this latter petition to Grand Chapter, and if approved, of course a warrant can issue at once. I have granted several Dispensations authorizing the installation of Companions who were elected first or second Principals, but were not constitutionally eligible, all in my opinion being necessary for the welfare of the several Chapters interested.

EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

During the last year I have been advised of the appointment of Excellent Companion Henry Macpherson as representative of

the Grand Chapter of California, and R. E. Companion Daniel Spry, as representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, near this Grand Chapter.

I have appointed as representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, R. E. Comp., John Lawrie, near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, R. E. Companion Louis Wiggan, near the Grand Chapter of California; M. E. Companion William H. McIlhanney, near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. In the credentials appointing R. E. Companion Lawrie, I conferred on him the rank of a past Grand J. of this Chapter, and caused to be forwarded to him the insignia of his office. These appointments have been, made, subject of course to your approval.

Early in December last I received the following communications from M. E. Companion, Noble D. Larner, the M. E. Grand High Priest of the district of Columbia.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, *November 26, 1873.*

COMPANION S. B. HARMAN, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Canada.

M. E. COMPANION,—The personal relations existing between your Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia and myself, being of such a character as to prohibit intercourse between him and myself, I am, therefore, much to my regret, compelled to request that his commission as your representative be revoked, and that some other Companion, whose standing and position in the fraternity will command the respect which a Grand Representative is entitled to, be appointed in his stead. Companion Mason is not a member of our Grand Chapter, and, therefore, only visits the same through courtesy. He has never filled a higher position in a Chapter than that of Secretary, and his interference lately in matters belonging exclusively to members of our Grand Chapter, and other circumstances, not necessary to mention, has made him very obnoxious, not only to myself, but to a very large number of the members of our Grand Chapter. For these, and other reasons which I might mention, I have, after consultation with our Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and other Companions, concluded to make this official request of you for the revocation of his Commission as your Grand Representative.

With the hope that the fraternal relations at present existing between our two Grand Chapters may continue.

I remain yours,

Truly and fraternally,

(Signed) NOBLE D. LARNER,

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter

of the District of Columbia.

P. S.—I would recommend M. : E. : Companion Joseph Daniels, Past Grand High Priest of our Grand Chapter, as one in every way qualified for the position of your Representative.

(Signed)

N. D. L.

G. H. P.

After carefully considering the request contained in the above I directed the Grand Scribe E. to write the M. E. Grand High Priest of the District of Colombia informing him of my decision. Accordingly on the 4th day of March last, he addressed to him the following communication.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,

Office of the Grand Scribe E,

Hamilton, Ont., 4th March, 1874.

NOBLE D. LARNED, Esq.,

Grand High Priest,

Grand Chapter, District of Columbia.

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMPANION :—

Circumstances beyond my control have occurred, which have of necessity caused me to put off addressing to you a communication as directed by our M. E. Grand Z. on the 17th January last, on the subject of our representative at the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which has, I am given to understand, been the subject of some correspondence between yourself and the past and present Grand First Principal Z of this Grand Chapter.

I have now the honour, under instructions of the M. E. Grand Z., to state, in regard to your desire for the cancelment of the credentials of our representative, R. E. Comp. John E. Mason at the Grand Chapter of the District of Rolumbia, that under ordinary circumstances he would feel himself warranted in exercising the prerogative of his office, by

at once cancelling the commission of our representative, but after mature consideration, and in the absence of any charge of irregularity or misconduct, on his part, the M. E. Grand Z. does not see his course clear to revoke the deliberate act of one of his predecessors, performed on the best recommendation and subsequently ratified and confirmed by our Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation and our said representative having been received and recognized by your Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand Z. has therefore arrived at the determination of referring the whole matter to Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, to deal with the subject in such manner as in its wisdom it may deem proper.

I have the honor to remain,

Dear Sir and M. E. Companion,

Yours truly and fraternally.

THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S. E.

Washington, D. of C., U. S. A.

I now leave the matter in your hands to take such action in the premises as to you may seem meet.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

I would here direct your attention to notices of motion, which will claim your attention at this Convocation.

R. E. Companion, W. H. Weller, gave notice at the last annual Convocation that he would move that the last part of clause 10 of the Constitution, under the head of "Regalia," be amended, by striking out the words "Royal Arch."

R. E. Companion H. Robertson at the same time gave notice that he would move an amendment to the Constitution, altering the time of meeting of Grand Chapter, as follows :—

That article IX. of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the words "Wednesday, in August, and inserting therefor the words, "Thursday in February."

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence will be presented by R. E. Companion H. Robertson, the talented chairman of that com-

mittee, and as usual, I have no doubt, will be found replete with useful information.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Reports from the several Grand Superintendents will be laid before you, which I have no doubt will prove of much interest to Grand Chapter, and give full information as to the welfare of the order throughout the jurisdiction.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

Soon after the death of our lamented Grand Scribe E., I was in receipt of a communication from R. E. Comp. J. Stephenson, Grand Scribe N., saying :—that it would be impossible for him to attend to the duties of the office, and suggesting that some competent Companion in Hamilton be requested to take charge of the same until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. I accordingly requested R. E. Comp. J. W. Murton to take charge, which he very kindly consented to do, and has conducted the affairs of the office to my entire satisfaction; and I am sure Grand Chapter will join me in acknowledging the valuable services so rendered by that R. E. Companion, I also beg to thank E. Companion J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary *pro-tem*, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for assistance rendered in conducting the affairs of Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER.

In the report of that efficient officer, the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion D. McLellan, you will be informed of the financial condition of the Subordinate Chapters, and the general funds of Grand Chapter. I am happy to inform you in advance, that the funds of Grand Chapter have steadily increased, and the amount to your credit, and available for any purpose sanctioned by you, amounts to a considerable sum.

I desire to acknowledge the many kindnesses that I have received at the hands of M. E. Comp. T. Douglas, Harington, Past Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter, during my term of office. On every occasion that I have applied to him for advice, and it has been often, it has been cheerfully and promptly given.

Companions, in conclusion, I now return the sceptre of office entrusted to my care at the last Annual Convocation, and if, in my endeavors to promote the best interests of the Royal Craft, I have your approbation, I am well repaid indeed.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL,

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved :—

That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present session of Grand Chapter.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from R. E. Comps. James Henderson, John Parry, H. W. Wood, J. K. Kerr, R. Hendry, jr., N. G. Bigelow, and E. Comp. H. Macpherson.

Communications were received and read :

1. From R. E. Comp. Charles L. Wiggin, accepting the position of Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of California.

2. From R. E. Comp. J. Laurie, accepting the position of Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

3. From R. E. Comp. McCoy, M. E. H. P. Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, D. C., acknowledging the receipt of the engrossed copy of the resolution and report adopted at the last annual Convocation respecting that Chapter.

4. From M. E. Comp. W. H. McIlhanney, G. H. P., accepting the position of Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

R. E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

R. E. Comp. E. M. Copeland presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Texas, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

R. E. Comp. Danl. Spry presented his Credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

The Companions were severally greeted with the usual masonic salutations—which were suitably acknowledged.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were received and referred to the Executive Committee, and are as follows :—

LONDON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

As required by the Constitution, I have the honour to submit this my first report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District.

During the past fourteen months I have visited officially the six Chapters in my District, and am pleased to report that they are all in a flourishing and satisfactory condition.

Ex. Comp. Trotter, of Bruce Chapter, No. 53, invited me in December last to visit and install the elected officers for the current Masonic year ; but owing to previous Masonic engagements I was unable to accept his kind invitation : however at my request R. E. Comp. John A. Mackenzie attended and performed the usual and necessary ceremonies.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaints have been brought before me during my term of office.

In closing my report I would express my sincere and earnest thanks to all the Companions in my District for the unvarying

kindness and courtesy extended towards me on all occasions when I had the pleasure of meeting with the Companions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS C. MACNABB,

GRAND SUPT. London District.

CHATHAM, ONT., 1st Oct. 1874.

WILSON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

It affords me much pleasure to report the continued prosperity of the Chapters of this District ; also that Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ryerson, named after our late Scribe E. and in which he took a special interest, has again resumed work after a suspension of two years, caused by the destruction by fire of the Masonic hall. The new hall as mentioned by me in last year's report, is very commodious, and the walls and ceiling have since been decorated at a considerable expense, with appropriate paintings and emblems.

No complaints have been laid before me during the past year.

I cannot close this report without alluding in a few words to the great loss the Masons of Canada have sustained in the death of our late R. E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, G. S. E. I feel that no words of mine can do justice to his memory, I will, therefore, only say that in him I have lost an old and valued friend and brother, having known him personally ever since my connection with the order, a period of over twenty-two years.

I have had the honor of holding the position which I now occupy for seven consecutive years, it is therefore fully time that the office should be filled by a younger and more active Companion, and I trust that my successor will meet with the same courtesy that I have invariably experienced.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. BEARD,

GRAND SUPT. Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 1st, 1874.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have much pleasure in reporting that Royal Arch Masonry is in a very flourishing condition throughout this large District. We have now eight Chapters on the Register, seven working under Warrant, and one under Dispensation.

In May last I received an application for a new Chapter from a number of Companions in Guelph; as there is a Chapter working at that place I did not consider it prudent to give my recommendation, feeling that one Chapter was quite sufficient to meet the requirements of a town of the population of Guelph, and that unless some very special reasons existed, the formation of a second Chapter would very likely prove injurious to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry. I understand the application will be brought before Grand Chapter when I have no doubt a satisfactory conclusion will be arrived at.

The action of the M. E. the Grand Z. in postponing our Annual Convocation, will, I am satisfied, under the circumstances, meet with the approval of Grand Chapter.

The unexpected death of our beloved Companion, the Grand Scribe E., has left a gap in our ranks which it will be difficult to fill; in this District his loss is severely felt, the craft well knowing that in him they had one who was ever ready to afford light and information to all ignorant and uninformed persons.

In July last I received an application for a new Chapter from several Companions in the village of Lucknow, to be called Have-lock Chapter. I recommended the application with great pleasure, and the M. E. the Grand Z. having been pleased to grant his Dispensation, I have duly opened the chapter and installed as its Principals, E. Companions James Somerville, Z.; John S. Tennant,

M.D., H.; and Robert L. Hunter, J. I recommend that Grand Chapter grant a Warrant of Constitution to Havelock Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC F. TOMS,

GRAND SUPT., Huron District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and the Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In submitting my annual report to this Grand Chapter, it gives me much pleasure to say that all the Chapters in the Hamilton District are in a prosperous condition, and that nothing has occurred to mar that harmony which ought always to exist among Masons I am happy to say that no complaint whatever has been made to me during my term of office.

I have visited all the Chapters in the District, with the exceptions of the two in the City of Hamilton, it would have given me great pleasure to have met the Companions of those Chapters and enjoyed an evening amongst them, but I consoled myself with the thought that as they had among themselves such distinguished and learned Royal Arch Masons, who have held high positions in this Grand Chapter, and have filled in a most able manner the office of Grand Superintendent, there was no real need of an official inspection from me.

In the early part of the year I recommended a petition for the establishing of a new Chapter at Port Colborne, under the name of "King Hiram" Chapter, and the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was pleased to issue his Dispensation for the same.

The Chapter was formally opened in the month of March last, on which occasion I had the pleasure with the assistance of Ex. Companions Hursell, Braund and Tupper, of installing the officers elect.

From the character of the Officers and Companions forming this

Chapter I feel confident that it will reflect credit and honor on Capitular Masonry, I would therefore recommend that a warrant of confirmation be granted to "King Hiram" Chapter.

I visited the M'Callum Chapter, Dunnville, and the Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, on the occasion of their annual installation and had the pleasure of installing the officers elect for the present year—both of those Chapters show marked signs of prosperity.

I also visited the Niagara Chapter and was very much gratified with the way in which the work was performed under the able management of its Excellent 1st Principal.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow and regret that I mention the loss of the late Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter, R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, who died at his residence at Hamilton in August last, in his death society has lost a useful member, his family an affectionate husband and father, the State a good citizen, and this Grand Chapter a most zealous and faithful officer; although much has been said, and more will doubtless be said at this Grand Convocation concerning him, I feel that I could not close this report without adding a few words of tribute to departed worth, his remains were buried with the usual Masonic ceremonies, conducted by the M. Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, an especial communication having been called for that purpose.

In conclusion I beg to tender my sincere thanks to all the Chapters and Companions in the District for the very courteous and brotherly manner in which they have treated me, and the right hearty welcome they have always extended to me on the occasion of my visits to them, and my hope is that happiness and prosperity will be continued unto them individually as well as collectively.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PARRY,

GRAND SUPT., Hamilton District.

Dunnville, October 7th, 1874.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In making this, my annual report, to the Grand Chapter, of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the District, I am pleased to be able to state that, with some very few exceptions, everything is satisfactory and encouraging. As an evidence of the increasing interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry, it is my pleasing duty to report that two Chapters have been opened in this district during the year, viz.: York Chapter, Eglington, which I opened under a Dispensation from the M. E. the Grand Z., on Thursday, July 30th, 1874. On which occasion I was ably assisted by R. E. Companions Thos. Sargant, and Fred. J. Menet, V. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and a large number of Companions from Toronto; and Doric Chapter, New Market, which I opened on Thursday, 6th August, 1874, assisted by V. E. Companion J. B. Nixon, Z., King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto; V. E. Comps. W. H. Porter, and J. W. H. Wilson, Past Z's; Ex. Comp. W. Walkem, Z., and a large number of Officers and Companions of Seymour Chapter, Bradford. From the zeal shown by these Companions in procuring the proper fitting up of rooms and by purchasing such officers collars, jewels and other requisites necessary for the proper conferring of the degrees, and the earnest desire of the officers chosen to conduct these Chapters, to perfect themselves in the Ritual so as to enable them to properly perform their duties, justifies me in recommending that Warrants be issued during the present Convocation.

I have officially visited only two Chapters during the present year, as my engagements were of such a nature that I was unable to leave the city as frequently as I would have wished; but from the information that has reached me I am happy in being able to state that, with one exception, all the Chapters in this District are in a flourishing condition.

The exception is Signet Chapter, No. 34, Orillia, which has not been as flourishing as in former years, owing to some difficulty in the election of a Companion who, without a dispensation, could not be installed as H., he not having served in the office of J, as required by the Constitution.

The M. E. Grand Z. did not feel justified in setting aside the plainest requirements of the Constitution, and although his action has caused temporary embarrassment in this instance, we must all applaud him for maintaining the Constitution as it is. If this clause of the Constitution has an injurious effect upon the proper working of Chapters, if it is likely to close some of the Chapters, as it has nearly done in more than one instance, by all means let it be repealed, but do not ask the Grand Z. to set aside a clause of the Constitution, while no effort is made in Grand Chapter to repeal or modify it.

I regret to announce the death of Ex. Companion T. Atkinson, Past Z., Signet Chapter, No. 34, Orillia, he was a worthy Companion and in his death R. A. Masonry in Orillia has suffered.

In closing my last annual report, permit me to return my thanks for the honor conferred by my Companions, and while fully appreciating their kindness in placing me in the position, I now desire to respectfully decline re-election being of opinion that such honors should be distributed among the companions.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL SPRY,

GRAND SUPT., Toronto District.

TORONTO, 14 Oct , 1874.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Excellent Companions
in Chapter assembled :*

In presenting my report for Ontario District, I have much pleasure in testifying to the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry within its borders. During my term of office, I have officially visited the different Chapters, except Keystone Chapter, Whitby. I found it to be impossible to get a meeting on account of the busy season of the year ; and also the Principal Elect wished his Chapter when visited to be well up in the Ritual. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa, and found their books in excellent order and the work correct.

St. John's Chapter, Cobourg, I have visited several times, and assisted them with work. They are now self-sustaining. Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, is in a very flourishing condition, with work second to none. Whilst visiting this Chapter, I had much pleasure in meeting M. Ex. Companion Macdonnell, Grand Z. ; R. E. Comp. Wright, V., Ex. Comp. Dr. Kincaid, and others from Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro, and would tender thanks for courtesies shown. As a matter of course, I regularly attended and visited Excelsior Chapter, Colborne, as I was acting as First Principal thereof. On my accepting office at your hands, I found that Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro, was in a very unhealthy condition, on account of matters that had crept in amongst the Companions. I visited them and effected a healing of the breach. In this I was ably assisted by V. E. Comps. Kincaid and Wright, and by valuable counsel from the Grand Z. To these Companions I tender my warmest thanks. On my second visit I had the pleasure of exalting no less than twenty-one good and true Masons as Companions of Corinthian Chapter. In this I was ably assisted by the foregoing Companions, and by Excellent Comps. Helm and Gaudrie, of Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, and other Companions from the same Chapter. At another visit I installed the officers. At the present time, Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro, for bright prospects, stands second to none in Ontario ; and, I am confident, the present officers will work with that skill for which they have now become famous. I shall ever feel indebted to the Peterboro Companions for the kind reception accorded to me as your representative, and I trust they will have all prosperity.

In surrendering my trust into your hands, I again congratulate the District on its prosperity. But yet, during my term of office, I, with other Companions, feel the great loss that every section under this Grand Chapter's Jurisdiction has sustained in the loss of R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, G. S. E., whose loss cannot be replaced. May we meet him in that Grand Chapter above, when there shall be no more parting.

Yours fraternally,

PETER BEGG,

GRAND SUPT., Ontario District.

BRIGHTON, Oct. 14, 1874.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my annual report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District ; all the Chapters are in a harmonious and prosperous condition, no Masonic complaint whatever having reached me.

I have to apologise for not visiting all the Chapters in this District ; but pressure of business, I can assure you, has been the cause of it.

In August last, I visited Prince Edward Chapter, which, I am happy to say, under Ex. Comp. S. M. Conger, is working very well, having exalted a great number of Masons during the year. Mount Sinai Chapter, Napanee, is also doing well.

Wishing every success to our noble order, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Most Excellent Companions.

Yours fraternally,

H. L. GEDDES,

GRAND SUPT., Prince Edward District.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

It becomes my duty in accordance with the Constitution to present a report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry under my superintendence.

From the limited number of Chapters in this District my duties have been light, particularly as there have been no complaints, but on the contrary harmony and brotherly love prevail.

In February last I received a petition from the Companions of Pembroke to open a new Chapter in the Town of Pembroke, to be named "Pembroke Chapter."

In March last I received a petition from the Companions of Brockville to open a new Chapter in the Town of Brockville, to be named "Sussex Chapter."

In May last I received a petition from the Companions of Perth to open a new Chapter in the Town of Perth, to be named "Granite Chapter."

All these petitions I duly forwarded with the necessary recommendations to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and I am happy to say that in each case a dispensation has been granted by the Most Ex. the Grand Z.

On the 28th April I duly installed the Excellent Principals of Sussex Chapter at a meeting of Ancient Frontenac Chapter No. 1, Kingston, being kindly assisted by R. E. Comp. G. M. Wilkinson and others of Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapters.

On the 16th June I had again the pleasure to install the newly appointed Principals of Granite Chapter, Perth, at a meeting of Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, being again kindly and ably assisted by Companions of Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapters.

I beg to tender my grateful thanks to the officers and Companions of these Chapters for the use of their hall and meetings and assistance on these occasions.

On the 16th July last, accompanied by R. E. Comps. Wilkinson, Creggan, Woods and Gordon, and several other Companions, I visited the new Sussex Chapter, Brockville, and witnessed the exaltation of eleven candidates, the work being ably exemplified by R. E. Comp. Wilkinson, Creggan, Woods and Gordon, this Chapter opens under very favourable circumstances and promises soon to take a high place in the Craft. On the 10th August, accompanied by Ex. Companions McMillan and Seals, I visited the new Granite Chapter, Perth, and had the honour of exalting twelve candidates. This Chapter also opens with a promise of making its mark in the Craft.

I have also visited Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapters, Kingston, and have great pleasure in testifying to the correct manner in which these Chapters are worked.

On the 11th August, accompanied by my R. E. Comp. Wilkinson, I visited the Grenville Chapter, Prescott, and with his assistance installed the officers elect for the ensuing Masonic year, it affords me much pleasure to say that this Chapter is now in a prosperous condition, its membership increasing and new life and vigour animates all the Companions, they have imported a very handsome set of banners and standards from England for exemplifying the lectures in the Royal Arch Degree.

I regret having been unable to visit the Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, and also the New Pembroke Chapter, but I am informed they are working satisfactorily and are in a prosperous condition.

I have to acknowledge the many acts of kindness extended to me from the Companions of all these Chapters during the past year.

While returning thanks to the Most High for His manifold blessings, we still must mourn the loss of some near and dear Companions.

During the past year it has pleased the Most High to call to the Celestial Lodge above our beloved R. Ex. Comp. I. V. Noel and H. S. Minues of Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston.

This Grand Chapter has also to lament the loss of our much esteemed and beloved R. Ex. Comp. T. B. Harris, late Grand Scribe E.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT HENDRY, JR.,

GRAND SUPT., Central District.

KINGSTON, October, 1874.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Montreal District.

The number of Chapters remain as last year, viz :

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Carnarvon, | No. 21. |
| Mount Horeb, “ | 25. |
| Montreal, “ | 42. |
| Royal Albert, “ | 43. |
| St. Charles, “ | 51. |

During the past year I have visited all the Chapters in the District, and have the pleasure to report that they are all prosperous, and working in perfect harmony.

At the request of the Principals and Officers of the Royal Albert Chapter, I granted them a dispensation to attend in Royal Arch Regalia, the annual reunion of Royal Albert Lodge in the month of January last.

In conclusion I have to tender my sincere thanks to the Companions of Montreal District for their courtesies extended to me on every occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. COPELAND,

GRAND SUPT., Montreal District.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships District.

The increase of membership has been very small during the past year, owing in a measure to the late differences between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec ; but as those differences have been so happily and satisfactorily arranged, I doubt not, Royal Arch Masonry will be more prosperous, in this District, in the future.

With regard to Golden Rule Chapter No. 9, I am sorry to be obliged to report that my expectations, expressed in my report of last year have not been verified. Owing to the sudden and unexpected death of E. Companion Eben. W. Wiswell (for whom the Most Excellent the Grand Z.'s dispensation was obtained last year), the Chapter has been deprived of its First Principal, and since then has been in a dormant condition. From information that I have received, it would appear that no member of the Chapter seems inclined to devote the necessary amount of time and energy to its resuscitation.

Prevost Chapter, No. 14, Dunham, is still enjoying its usual prosperity. A large amount of work has not been done during the past year, but it has a good membership, and is in every respect in a healthy condition.

Dorchester Chapter, No. 17, Waterloo, has not been meeting very regularly of late ; but from certain signs of renewed interest that I have observed among some of its more influential members, I trust she will very soon give a good account of herself.

No Masonic complaints have been made to me during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. WOOD,

GRAND SUPT., E. T. District.

KNOWLTON, Oct. 10, 1874.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

My report as to the state of Capitular Masonry in New Brunswick District I beg to lay before you.

Having returned from a very pleasant visit to Botsford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 39, Moncton, N. B., where I witnessed the exemplification of the Most Excellent Master's and the Royal Arch Degrees, I am in a position to inform Grand Chapter, that Botsford Royal Arch Chapter is in a most flourishing condition; its officers are active and zealous, and the manner in which the books of the Scribe E. are kept is a credit to the Chapter. Its Officers, as a whole, seem determined to excel.

By 1st Principal Z., Dr. Chandler, I am informed that some members of this Chapter come a distance of twenty, some forty and some sixty miles, and one member over one hundred miles, so anxious are they to attend their regular meetings. It is my earnest wish that their zeal may never be lessened.

New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, in the city of St. John, N. B., at the meetings of which I am a regular attendant—I am happy to inform you, is progressing favorably. Companion Henry Duffell has been re-elected to the Chair of 1st Principal Z., and at the last regular meeting was by me duly installed. He is a most efficient officer, and thoroughly understands the work, and under his care New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter must prosper.

So far as I can learn, there has been no cause of complaint in

either of the above named Chapters ; at least none has been laid before me ; the members are all working harmoniously, and peace and happiness prevail.

In closing, I return my thanks to the Companions of New Brunswick District for their kindness and courtesy ever evinced to me during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,

GRAND SUPT., District of N. B.

St. JOHN, N. B., July 25, 1874.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I regret to report that Capitular Masonry has not been as prosperous in this Province during the past year as had been expected, owing to their being so few Companions in the Province. But from the number of skilfull Companions added to our number lately, I feel confident that Prince Rupert Chapter, the only one in the Province, will soon be in a prosperous condition.

I have much pleasure in reporting that there have been no Masonic complaints during the past year.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES HENDERSON,

GRAND SUPT., Manitoba District.

WINNIPEG, 5th Aug., 1874.

The Acting Grand Scribe E. submitted the following Annual Statements of moneys received from Chapters during the past year, as likewise the Books, &c., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee :—

ANNUAL STATEMENT, AUGUST, 1874.

R. E. Comp. THOS. BIRD HARRIS, G. S. E., in account with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

| DR. | \$ c. | 1873. | CR. |
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| No. 1—Ancient Frontenac..... | 56 40 | Aug 26.—By Grand Treasurer | \$300 .. |
| " 2—The Hiram | 49 80 | 1874. | |
| " 3—St. John's | 31 70 | April 23.— " " | 350 .. |
| " 4—St. Andrew and St. John | 57 80 | June 29.— " " | 300 .. |
| " 5—St. George's, | 49 60 | Aug. 5.— " " | 838 83 |
| " 6—St. John's | 83 00 | | |
| " 7—Moirs | 31 30 | | |
| " 8—King Solomon's | 66 70 | | |
| " 10—New Brunswick | 76 20 | | |
| " 12—Cataraqui | 57 40 | | |
| " 13—Stadacona | 14 40 | | |
| " 14—Prevost | 53 60 | | |
| " 15—Wawanoosh | 46 30 | | |
| " 18—Oxford | 16 00 | | |
| " 19—Mount Moriah | 36 20 | | |
| " 21—Carnarvon | 1 00 | | |
| " 22—Grenville | 22 25 | | |
| " 23—Ezra | 52 00 | | |
| " 24—Tecumseth | 15 50 | | |
| " 25—Mount Horeb | 82 20 | | |
| " 26—St. Mark's | 2 00 | | |
| " 27—Manitou | 28 60 | | |
| " 28—Pentalpha | 57 00 | | |
| " 29—McCallum | 40 00 | | |
| " 31—Prince Edward | 25 40 | | |
| " 34—Signet | 23 80 | | |
| " 35—Keystone | 27 20 | | |
| " 36—Corinthian | 19 80 | | |
| " 37—Victoria | 26 80 | | |
| " 38—Seymour | 92 00 | | |
| " 39—Botsford | 20 00 | | |
| " 40—Guelph | 25 20 | | |
| " 42—Montreal | 31 10 | | |
| " 43—Royal Albert | 7 20 | | |
| " 48—St. John's | 33 50 | | |
| " 49—Elora | 32 40 | | |
| " 50—Saugeen | 16 40 | | |
| " 51—St. Charles | 13 20 | | |
| " 54—De Warrenne | 62 73 | | |
| " 56—Georgian | 58 80 | | |
| U. D.—King Hiram | 40 00 | | |
| U. D.—Pembroke | 40 .. | | |
| U. D.—Sussex | 40 .. | | |
| U. D.—Doric | 40 .. | | |
| U. D.—Granite | 40 .. | | |
| U. D.—York | 40 .. | | |
| Cash for Constitutions | 6 40 | | |
| | \$1788 88 | | \$1788 88 |

Money's have since been received from the following Chapters :—No. 7, 14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 30, 36, 38, 39, 41, 47, 48 and Havelock (U. D.)

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1874.

| No. | NAME OF CHAPTER, | PLACE. | LAST RETURNS. | VARIOUS. | 1873 | 1874 | AM'T DUE. | CREDITS. |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|------|------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac, | Kingston, | January. | | | 1874 | | |
| 2 | The Hiram, | Hamilton, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 3 | St. John's, | London, | " | | | 1874 | 2 00 | 4 00 |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John | Toronto... | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 5 | St. George's... | London... | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 6 | St. John's, | Hamilton, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 7 | Moirs, | Belleville, | " | | | 1874 | 32 80 | |
| 8 | King Solomon's, | Toronto... | " | | | 1874 | 1 00 | |
| 9 | Golden Rule... | Sherbrooke... | " | 1869 | | 1874 | 51 00 | |
| 10 | New Brunswick | St. John, | " | | | 1874 | | 10 00 |
| 11 | Cataraqui, | Kingston, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 12 | Stadacona, | Quebec... | " | | 1873 | 1874 | 6 80 | |
| 13 | Prevost... | Dunham, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 14 | Wawanosh. | Sarnia, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 15 | Carleton, | Ottawa, | " | | 1873 | 1874 | 3 00 | |
| 16 | Dorchester | Waterloo, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 17 | Oxford... | Woodstock... | " | | | 1874 | 1 00 | |
| 18 | Mount Moriah, | St. Catharines, | " | | | 1874 | 2 00 | |
| 19 | Mount Horeb. | Brantford, | " | | | 1874 | 9 00 | |
| 20 | Carnarvon. | Montreal, | " | | 1873 | 1874 | 1 00 | |
| 21 | Grenville, | Prescott, | " | | | 1874 | 1 35 | |
| 22 | Ezra, | Simcoe... | " | | | 1874 | 25 65 | |
| 23 | Tecumseh, | Stratford, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 24 | Mount Horeb, | Montreal, | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 25 | St. Mark's, | Trenton, | " | | 1873 | 1874 | 19 00 | |
| 26 | Manitou, | Collingwood... | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 27 | Pentalpha, | Oshawa... | " | | | 1874 | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | |

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| 29 | McCallum, ... | ... | Dunnville, ... | ... | 1874 | 36 40 | |
| 30 | Huron, ... | ... | Goderich, ... | ... | 1874 | 23 40 | |
| 31 | Prince Edward, ... | ... | Pictou, ... | ... | 1874 | | |
| 32 | Waterloo, ... | ... | Galt, ... | ... | 1873 | | |
| 33 | Signet, ... | ... | Orillia, ... | ... | 1873 | 2 58 | |
| 34 | Keystone, ... | ... | Whitby, ... | ... | 1873 | | |
| 35 | Corinthian, ... | ... | Peterboro, ... | ... | 1874 | 5 40 | |
| 36 | Victoria, ... | ... | Port Hope, ... | ... | 1874 | | |
| 37 | Seymour, ... | ... | Bradford, ... | ... | 1874 | 18 80 | |
| 38 | Botsford, ... | ... | Moncton, ... | ... | 1874 | 6 50 | |
| 39 | Guelph, ... | ... | Guelph, ... | ... | 1874 | | |
| 40 | Harris, ... | ... | Ingersoll, ... | ... | 1874 | 14 00 | |
| 41 | Montreal, ... | ... | Montreal, ... | ... | 1874 | 14 50 | |
| 42 | Royal Albert, ... | ... | Montreal, ... | ... | 1874 | 2 00 | |
| 43 | Mount Sinai, ... | ... | Napanee, ... | ... | 1873 | | |
| 44 | Excelsior, ... | ... | Colborne, ... | ... | 1872 | 24 00 | |
| 45 | St. James, ... | ... | St. Mary's, ... | ... | 1873 | 2 75 | |
| 46 | Wellington, ... | ... | Chatham, ... | ... | 1874 | 17 80 | |
| 47 | St. John's, ... | ... | Cobourg, ... | ... | 1874 | 9 78 | |
| 48 | Elora, ... | ... | Elora, ... | ... | 1874 | | |
| 49 | Saugeen, ... | ... | Waterloo, ... | ... | 1873 | 28 00 | |
| 50 | St. Charles, ... | ... | Point St. Charles, ... | ... | 1874 | | |
| 51 | Prince Rupert's, ... | ... | Winnipeg, ... | ... | 1872 | 45 40 | |
| 52 | Bruce, ... | ... | Petrolia, ... | ... | 1872 | 11 00 | 27 00 |
| 53 | De Warrene, ... | ... | St. Thomas, ... | ... | | | |
| 54 | Niagara, ... | ... | Niagara, ... | ... | | | |
| 55 | Georgian, ... | ... | Owen Sound, ... | ... | | | |
| 56 | King Hiram, ... | ... | Port Colborne, ... | ... | | | |
| UD. | Pembroke, ... | ... | Pembroke, ... | ... | | | |
| UD. | Sussex, ... | ... | Brockville, ... | ... | | | |
| UD. | Doric, ... | ... | Newmarket, ... | ... | | | |
| UD. | Granite, ... | ... | Perth, ... | ... | | | |
| UD. | York, ... | ... | Eglinton, ... | ... | | | |
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| | | | | | | \$443 31. | \$41 00. |

Tabular Statement Extracted from the Returns for the year 1874.

| No. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Registr'd Jouins | No. of Joins | With- drawals | Suspen- sions. | Deaths. | No. of Members. | Amount of Fees Paid. \$ | cts. |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac, | Kingston, | 12 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 69 | | |
| 2 | The Hiram,... | Hamilton, | 16 | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | 89 | | |
| 3 | St. John's, ... | London | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 36 | | |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John... | Toronto... | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 109 | | |
| 5 | St. George's... | London... | 8 | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 | 102 | | |
| 6 | St. John's, ... | Hamilton, | 13 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 152 | | |
| 7 | Moirs, | Belleville, | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 64 | | |
| 8 | King Solomon's, .. | Toronto... | 12 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 126 | | |
| 9 | *Golden Rule,... | Sherbrooke. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72 | | |
| 10 | New Brunswick... | St. John, | 5 | .. | 7 | 7 | 2 | 125 | | |
| 11 | Cataraqui, ... | Kingston, | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 57 | | |
| 12 | *Stadacona, ... | Quebec .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 56 | | |
| 13 | Prevost... | Dunham, | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | | |
| 14 | Wawanosh... | Sarnia, ... | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 59 | | |
| 15 | Carleton, ... | Ottawa ... | 24 | 1 | 3 | .. | 2 | 100 | | |
| 16 | Dorchester ... | Waterloo, | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 51 | | |
| 17 | Oxford... | Woodstock... | 5 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 35 | | |
| 18 | Mount Moriah, | St. Catharines, | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 86 | | |
| 19 | Mount Horeb. | Brantford, | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 35 | | |
| 20 | *Carnarvon. | Montreal, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | | |
| 21 | Grenville, | Prescott, | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 48 | | |
| 22 | Ezra, ... | Simcoe. ... | 16 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | 37 | | |
| 23 | Tecumseh, ... | Stratford, | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 40 | | |
| 24 | Mount Horeb, | Montreal, | 24 | .. | 3 | 11 | .. | 101 | | |
| 25 | *St. Mark's, ... | Trenton, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | | |
| 26 | Manitou, | Collingwood... | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 40 | | |
| 27 | Petalpaph, | Oshawa... | 11 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 45 | | |
| 28 | McCallum, | Dunnville, | 15 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 46 | | |
| 29 | Huron... | Goderich, | 5 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 50 | | |
| 30 | Prince Edward... | Pictou... | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 32 | | |
| 31 | Waterloo, | Galt, | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53 | | |

The Grand Treasurer presented to Grand Chapter his Annual Statement of receipts and disbursements, with Books, Vouchers, &c., &c. The same were received and referred to the Executive Committee.

R. E. COMP. DAVID McLELLAN, G'D TREAS., IN AC. WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

| | | Dr. | | | Cr. |
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| 1873. | To balance on hand | \$1,899 04 | | | 325 00 |
| Aug. 9. | " Grand Scribe E. | \$300 00 | | By order H. E. Swates & Co., Banquet and band | |
| " 26. | " Bank Interest on deposits to May 31, '73 | 37 18 | | Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter Expenses at Kingston | 22 00 |
| Nov. 7. | " Interest on \$2,000 Dominion Stock to Oct. 31, '73 | 50 00 | | Copp, Clark & Co., Warrants | 75 00 |
| " 29. | " Bank interest on deposits to Nov. 30, '73 | 32 49 | | Rowell & Hutchinson, Printing, J. T. Rolph, Certificates | 14 00 |
| 1874. | " Grand Scribe E. | 350 00 | | W. C. Morrison, Collar and Jewel | 150 00 |
| April 23. | " Interest on \$2,000 Dominion Stock to April 30, 1874 | 50 00 | | H. Robertson, Foreign Correspondence | 20 00 |
| May 6. | " Bank Interest on deposits to date | 15 46 | | Wm. Bruce, Engrossing, | 50 00 |
| " 31. | " Grand Scribe E. | 300 00 | | Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing | 18 00 |
| June 29. | " Grand Scribe E. | 888 88 | | Grand Scribe E.—Salary, \$500, Petty Cash, \$46.55, travelling expenses, \$24.40 | 123 00 |
| July 31. | " Grand Scribe E. | 1,974 01 | | S. B. Harnatt, postages | 571 25 |
| | | | | Wm. Bruce, engrossing | 7 00 |
| | | | | Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing | 27 80 |
| 1874. | | | | Lash & Co., Regalia for Grand representative | 147 75 |
| Feb. 20. | " 20. | | | Rolph, Smith & Co., certificates, etc. | 57 50 |
| July 31. | By balance at credit of Grand Chapter in Royal Canadian Bank, Hamilton | | | | 154 00 |
| | | | | | 2,110 75 |
| | | | | | <u>\$3,873 05</u> |
| Aug. 1. | To balance, cash on hand | \$2,110 75 | | | |
| " | " Amount invested in Dominion Stock .. | 2,000 00 | | | |
| | | | | | <u>\$4,110 75</u> |

The following notices of motion of places for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter were given, viz., by

| | | |
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| R. E. Comp. | Jas Seymour, | Town of St. Catharines. |
| " " " | W. H. Weller, | City of Montreal. |
| " " " | D. Spry, | Town of Peterboro. |

A petition praying for a Warrant to establish a new Chapter at Guelph, to be called Wellington Chapter, was on motion referred to the Executive Committee.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

WARRANTS.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the several books and records of Chapters under Dispensation, and recommend that Warrants of Confirmation be granted to the following :

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| King Hiram Chapter... | Port Colborne, Ont. |
| Pembroke | " Pembroke, " |
| Sussex | " Brockville, " |
| Doric | " Newmarket, " |
| Granite | " Perth, " |
| York | " .. . Eglinton, " |
| Havelock | " Lucknow, " |

With reference to the petition presented from a number of Companions resident in Guelph and vicinity, the Committee are of opinion that it is undesirable at present to sanction the establishment of a second Chapter in Guelph, not one of the petitioners having appeared before your Committee to sustain the application or give such information as would lead to its being recommended.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. Peter Begg, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour also submitted the following report on

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of all the Districts except Quebec have been received, and the Executive Committee are gratified to find that no complaint has been preferred during the past year, and that the state of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction is, speaking generally, in a very healthy and prosperous condition.

There is nothing in the reports requiring the special action or attention of Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. F. J. Mcnet, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, the late Grand Scribe E, and the Acting Grand Scribe E, to 1st August, 1874, and find the same correct as presented.

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| The receipts for the past year were..... | \$1,974 01 |
| Payments for the same period | 1,762 30 |
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| Excess of receipts over payments..... | \$ 211 71 |
| Balance from last year..... | 1,899 04 |
| | <hr/> |
| Leaving cash in hand..... | ..\$2,110 75 |
| To which add invested in Dominion Stock at 5 p. c.. | 2,000 00 |
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| Total..... | \$4,110 75 |

The Committee have also examined the following accounts, and find them correct, and recommend payment of the same.

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| Chairman Committee—Foreign Correspondence..... | \$ 50 00 |
| T. B. Harris, late G. S. E.—Petty Cash, Incidentals.. | 42 98 |
| T. B. Harris, late G. S. E.—Expenses attending | |
| Grand Chapter at Kingston..... | 21 00 |
| T. B. Harris, late G. S. E.—Salary to 1st Aug., 1874. | 500 00 |
| Lawson, McCulloch & Co.—Printing..... | 22 00 |
| The M. E. Grand Z.—Postages, &c..... | 24 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total..... | \$660 76 |

In view of the fact of the large amount of cash in the hands of the Treasurer, the Committee recommend that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be invested in Dominion Stock.

THOMAS C. MACNABB,

CHAIRMAN.

OTTAWA, 14th Oct., 1874.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. C. Macnabb, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was on motion of R. E. Comp. D. Spry, seconded by E. Comp. R. P. Stephens, received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz. :

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| R. E. Comp. | James Seymour, St. Catharines, | Grand Z. |
| " " | W. H. Weller, Cobourg, re-elected | " H. |
| V. " | R. Kincaid, Peterboro, | " J. |
| M. " | C. D. Macdonnell, Peterboro | " Scribe E. |
| V. " | Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto, | " " N. |
| " " | R. Brierley, Hamilton, | " Prin. Sojo'r. |
| R. " | David McLellan, Hamilton, | " Treasurer. |
| V. " | John Satchell, Prescott, | " Registrar. |

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| E. Comp. | James O'Connor, London, | London District. |
| R. " | John Wilson, M. D., Simcoe, | Wilson " |
| " " | Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, | Huron " |
| V. " | Henry Carlisle, St. Catharines, | Hamilton " |
| " " | W. H. Porter, Bradford, | Toronto " |
| R. " | Peter Begg, Brighton, | Ontario " |
| V. " | David Denoon, Picton, | P. Edward " |
| R. " | Jas. Stephenson, Iroquois, | Central " |
| " " | E. M. Copeland, Montreal, | Montreal " |
| V. " | W. G. Parmelee, Waterloo, | Eastern T's " |
| R. " | James Henderson, Winnipeg, | Manitoba " |

In accordance with notice given, the following places were put in nomination for the place for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter :

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| R. E. Comp. | W. H. Weller, the City of Montreal. |
| " " " | D. Spry, the Town of Peterboro. |
| " " " | Jas. Seymour, the Town of St. Catharines. |

A vote of Grand Chapter having been severally taken, it was declared to be in favor of the Town of St. Catharines.

M. E. Companion C. D. Macdonnell having declined the office of Grand Scribe E., a new election was proceeded with, resulting in the selection of E. Comp. R. P. Stephens, Toronto, to fill that office.

By an open vote of Grand Chapter, Comp. R. Radcliffe, St. Catharines, was elected Janitor.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Your Committee have had placed before them a very serious charge, made against Comp. Maurice Dunsford (heretofore a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro), which charge involves the crimes of larceny and arson, and upon which the Companion has been duly tried and convicted by said Chapter. It has been recommended that said Companion Dunsford be expelled from the privileges of R. A. Masonry, and the fact of such expulsion reported to Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem fit. Upon careful consideration of the facts submitted your Committee would recommend that the prayer of Corinthian Chapter be concurred in, and hereby report in favor of such expulsion.

JAMES SEYMOUR,

CHAIRMAN.

Ottawa, Oct. 14, 1874.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. :—

REPORT.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have had under consideration the address of the M. Ex., the Grand Z.

and they feel assured that the Grand Chapter will heartily approve of his action in postponing the R. C. until the present, owing to the very serious illness, which resulted in the death of our late Grand S. E. With reference to that lamented officer, they cordially concur with the G. Z. in his estimate of the great loss which Grand Chapter has sustained in losing the services of one who devoted so many years to the advancement of Masonry in all its branches, as our R. E. Comp. Harris, whose death leaves a vacancy that will not be easily filled, not only in the office which he held, but also in the affections of the many Companions to whom he was warmly attached.

They also unite with him in giving expression to the feelings of Grand Chapter in the great loss we have sustained by the death of those able Companions who have, during the past year, been summoned to the presence of T. G. A. O. T. U.

They concur with him in rejoicing that no subject of difference has occurred among the members of this Grand Chapter; and view with pleasure the increasing attention given to Capitular Masonry by the large number of applications made for warrants for new Chapters.

Your Committee regret to learn that difficulties of a personal nature have arisen between our representative, near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the M. E. the Grand H. P. of that jurisdiction, and as the M. E., the G. H. P. has requested the withdrawal of the appointment of R. E. Comp. J. E. Mason, your Committee beg to recommend that although we have no cause of dissatisfaction with Comp. Mason, the Grand Z. be requested, if it shall become necessary, to withdraw his credentials, as we cannot desire to have a representative at any Grand Chapter who is not agreeable to those with whom he comes in contact, and whose presence might impair those kindly feelings which should at all times exist between sister Grand bodies.

Your Committee desire to express the high sense they entertain of the valuable services rendered to Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. Murton, since the lamented decease of the late Grand S. E., and

they recommend that some suitable recognition be made to him by Grand Chapter. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Ottawa, Oct. 14, 1874.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz :—

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| M. E. Comp. | C. D. Macdonnell, | Peterboro. |
| R. “ “ | Daniel Spry, | Toronto. |
| “ “ “ | J. W. Murton, | Hamilton |
| “ “ | Henry Macpherson, | Owen Sound. |
| “ “ | James Moffatt, | London. |

It was moved by V. E. Comp. H. G. Summers, seconded by V. E. Comp. John Satchell, and resolved—

That E. Comp. J. J. Mason be instructed to write up the books of Grand Chapter to date, and that he be remunerated for his services.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, seconded by E. Comp. W. C. Morrison, and resolved—

That the M. E. the Grand Z. be authorized to defray all the incidental expenses which have been incurred in connection with the holding of this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the proceedings thereof as soon as the same shall have been completed and delivered to the Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, seconded by V. E. Comp. H. G. Summers, and resolved :—

‘That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Canadian and Ottawa Navigation Companies, and to the Grand

Trunk, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, Midland, Northern, and Great Western Railways, for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this Annual Convocation.

It was moved by E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved :—

“That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to E. Comp. Somerville and the members of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, for the excellent arrangement made for the holding of this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the generous hospitalities extended to the Representatives and Visitors.”

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, seconded by E. Comp. W. R. White, and resolved :—

“That the M. E. the Grand Z. be requested to name a Committee to prepare forms and instructions for keeping the minutes of subordinate Chapters; and to report at the next Annual Convocation.”

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation, it was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson seconded by E. Comp. J. G. LeBlanc :—

“That Article IX. of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the words “Wednesday, in August,” and inserting therefor the words “Thursday, in February.”

In amendment, it was moved by R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, seconded by E. Comp. F. R. Despard :—

“That the words inserted in lieu of those proposed to be struck out be “Friday, in July.”

After a short discussion both resolutions were withdrawn.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, seconded by R. E. Comp. Seymour, and resolved :—

“That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Bro. J. P. Muir, the Assistant of the late Grand Scribe E., for services rendered by him to this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller, and resolved :—

“That the sum of two hundred dollars annually, be paid, in quarterly payments during her life time, to the widow of the late Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, and resolved :—

“That permission be given to the Chapters in Quebec to meet for the purpose of considering what action, if any, they may deem it desirable to take towards securing the formation of a Grand Chapter for that Province, and that the M. E. the Grand Z., be authorized to take such action in the matter as he may consider for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.”

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion for next Annual Convocation were given, viz. :—

By R. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet,

That Article III. of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by striking out all after the words “shall be,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “elected by ballot.”

By R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms,

That a new District be formed out of the Huron District, to be called the Wellington District, to be composed of the Counties of Wellington and Waterloo, and Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, in the County of Bruce.

By R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson,

That with a view to increasing the efficiency of the Executive Committee, in adding to its membership the most matured experience, that henceforth all past Grand Z's be *ex officio* members of such Committee.

By R. E. Comp. W. H. Weller—

That the last part of Article X. of the Constitution of Grand Chapter under the head of “Regalia,” be amended by striking out the words after “Royal Arch.”

M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, Past Grand Z., proceeded with the installation of the elected officers for the ensuing year as follows :—

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| M. E. Comp. | James Seymour, St. Catharines, | Grand Z. | } Grand Council |
| R. “ | “ W. H. Weller, Cobourg, | “ H. | |
| “ “ | “ R. Kincaid, Peterboro, | “ J. | |
| “ “ | “ R. P. Stephens, Toronto, | “ | Scribe E. |
| “ “ | “ Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto, | “ | “ N. |
| “ “ | “ R. Brierley, Hamilton, | “ | Prin. Soj’r. |
| “ “ | “ David McLellan, Hamilton, | “ | Treasurer. |
| “ “ | “ John Satchell, Prescott, | “ | Registrar. |
| “ “ | “ R. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines, | “ | Janitor. |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | James O’Connor, London, | London District. |
| “ “ | “ John Wilson, M. D., Simcoe, | Wilson “ |
| “ “ | “ Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, | Huron “ |
| “ “ | “ Henry Carlisle, St. Catharines, | Hamilton “ |
| “ “ | “ W. H. Porter, Bradford, | Toronto “ |
| “ “ | “ Peter Begg, Brighton, | Ontario “ |
| “ “ | “ David Denoon, Picton, | P. Edward “ |
| “ “ | “ Jas. Stephenson, Iroquois, | Central “ |
| “ “ | “ E. M. Copeland, Montreal, | Montreal “ |
| “ “ | “ W. G. Parmelee, Waterloo, | Eastern T’s “ |
| “ “ | “ James Henderson, Winnipeg, | Manitoba “ |

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the year ensuing, viz :

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| V. E. Comp. | Geo. S. Oldrieve, Kingston, | Grand 1st Asst. Soj’r. |
| “ “ | “ Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan, | “ 2nd “ “ |
| “ “ | “ W. H. Walkem, Bradford, | “ Sword Bearer. |
| “ “ | “ Thomas Parkinson, Sarnia, | “ Standard “ |
| “ “ | “ Henry Duffell, St. John, N. B. | “ Dir’r. of Cer’s. |
| “ “ | “ W. C. Morrison, Toronto, | “ Organist. |
| “ “ | “ J. G. A. LeBlanc, Montreal, | “ Pursuivant. |

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| V. E. Comp. J. O'Donnell, Peterboro, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " " " C. E. S. Black, Dunnville, | |
| " " " John Gibson, Stratford, | |
| " " " Geo. W. Morgan, St. Thomas, | |

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected and appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in **ample form** at 10 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST :



R. P. Stephens,

G. S. C.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, RENDERED A.D., 1874.

| NO. | NAME. | WHERE HELD. | STATED MEETINGS. | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z. | SCRIBE Z. |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac. | Kingston, O. | Third Tuesday in Feb, May, August and Nov. | G. M. Wilkinson. | W. A. Gunn |
| 2 | The Hiran. | Hamilton, O. | First Monday of every month. | Gavin Stewart. | T. McGivern |
| 3 | St. John's. | London, O. | Fourth Wednesday of every month. | James O'Connor. | John Siddons |
| 4 | St. Andrew & St. John | Toronto, O. | Third Friday of every month. | R. P. Stephens. | John E. Mitchell |
| 5 | St. George's. | London, O. | Third Tuesday of every month. | H. A. Baxter. | M. D. Dawson |
| 6 | St. John's. | Hamilton, O. | Second Thursday of every month. | J. J. Mason. | J. G. Y. Buckholder |
| 7 | Moir. | Belleville, O. | First Tuesday of every month. | D. Piteceally. | Wesley Bulen |
| 8 | King Solomon's. | Toronto, O. | Third Monday of every month. | James B. Nixon. | Alfred Gear |
| 9 | Golden Rule. | Sherbrooke, Q. | Tuesday on or before full moon in March, June, September and December. | G. H. Borlace. | Wm. Farwell, jr. |
| 10 | New Brunswick. | St. John, N. B. | First Thursday in every month. | Henry Duffill. | D. S. Stewart |
| 12 | Cataraqui. | Kingston, O. | Second Monday in Feb, May, Aug and Nov. | Robt. Hendry, jr. | F. Rowland |
| 13 | Stadacona. | Quebec, Q. | Second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct. | F. T. Thomas. | John Peeverley, jr. |
| 14 | Prevost. | Dunham, Q. | First Thursday of every month. | H. W. Wood. | A. H. J. Gilmon |
| 15 | Wawanosh. | Sarnia, O. | Second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct. | Thos. Parkinson. | E. A. Vidal |
| 16 | Carleton. | Ottawa, O. | Second Monday of every month. | W. A. Taylor. | Charles S. Scott |
| 17 | Dorchester. | Waterloo, Q. | First Thursday of every month. | James Canfield. | A. A. Gilmour |
| 18 | Oxford. | Woodstock, O. | First Friday of every month. | Edwin Goodman. | Thomas D. Watson |
| 19 | Mount Moriah. | St Catharines, O. | Friday on or before full moon of every month. | David Curtis. | Wm. Dongan |
| 20 | Mount Horeb. | Brantford, O. | First Wednesday of every month. | E. M. Copeland. | Robert Morton |
| 21 | Carnarvon. | Montreal, Q. | Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov. | James Stephenson. | S. C. Stratton |
| 22 | Grenville. | Prescott, O. | First Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct. | Chauncey Bennett. | John Francis |
| 23 | Ezra. | Simcoe, O. | Second Wednesday of every month. | John Gibson. | Alexander Dow |
| 24 | Tecumseh. | Stratford, O. | Last Tuesday of every month. | H. Le Cappellain. | C. T. Campbell |
| 25 | Mount Horeb. | Montreal, Q. | Second Wednesday of every month. | H. W. Delany. | George R. Locker |
| 26 | St. Mark's. | Trenton, O. | Second Wednesday of every month. | John Nettleton. | Charles Francis |
| 27 | Manitou. | Collingwood, O. | First Friday of every month. | Martin Gilbranson. | E. R. Carpenter |
| 28 | Pentalpha. | Oshawa, O. | First Friday of every month. | M. C. Upper. | George Kerr |
| 29 | McCallum. | Dunnville, O. | Friday on or after full moon of every month. | Isaac F. Toms. | Robert Nimmo |
| 30 | Huron. | Goderich, O. | First Friday of every month. | | Edward Hosker |

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| 31 | Prince Edward | Picton, O. | Friday on or after every full moon. | S. M. Conger | Donald Ross |
| 32 | Waterloo | Galt, O. | Monday on or after full moon of every month. | James Paterson | George S. Philip |
| 33 | Signet | Orillia, O. | First Tuesday of every month. | Robert Ramsay | W. H. Carpenter |
| 34 | Keystone | Whitby, O. | Third Thursday of every month. | Geo. H. Dartnell | Joseph White |
| 35 | Corinthian | Pewabro', O. | Third Friday of every month. | James Wright | Henry Rush |
| 36 | Victoria | Port Hope, O. | Second Thursday of every month. | Robert Nichols | George McLean |
| 37 | Seymour | Bradford, O. | Friday on or before full moon of every month. | W. H. Welken | Benj. F. Kendall |
| 38 | Botsford | Moncton, N. B. | Third Monday of every month. | A. H. Chandler | George C. Peters |
| 39 | Guelph | Guelph, O. | Friday on or after every full moon. | Wm. D. Hepburn | J. Mimmack |
| 40 | Harris | Ingersoll, O. | First Tuesday after full moon of every month. | Peter J. Brown | T. G. Lewis |
| 41 | Montreal | Montreal, Q. | Second Friday of every month. | Wm. Nivn. | Charles E. Torrance |
| 42 | Royal Albert | Montreal, Q. | Third Wednesday in the months of December, March, June and October. | J. J. Barnard | Wm. Millar |
| 43 | Mount Sinai | Napanee, O. | Wednesday after full moon. | H. L. Geddes | John Cheetham |
| 44 | Excelsior | Colborne, O. | First Thursday of every month. | Peter Begg | A. Vars |
| 45 | St. James' | St. Mary's, O. | Second Wednesday of every month. | H. Fred. Sharp | W. A. Bayley |
| 46 | Wellington | Chatham, O. | Thursday on or before full moon of every month. | John E. Brooke | Frederick Bates |
| 47 | St. John's | Cobourg, O. | Friday on or before full moon of every month. | H. T. Wood | J. Urquhart, jr. |
| 48 | Elora | Elora, O. | Wednesday after full moon of every month. | Wm. F. Savage | J. M. Fraser |
| 49 | Saugeen | Walkerton, O. | Second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and October. | Ezra A. Healy | Hugh Davidson |
| 50 | St. Charles' | Pt. St. Charles, Q. | First Tuesday of every month. | Alexander Murray | George D. Reed |
| 51 | Prince Rupert | Winnipeg, M. | First Thursday of every month. | Alex. M. Brown | Wm. N. Kennedy |
| 52 | Bruce | Petrolia, O. | First Thursday of every month. | G. E. Murphy | Wm. E. Reynolds |
| 53 | DeWarrene | St. Thomas, O. | First Tuesday of every month. | G. W. Morgan | George Penwarden |
| 54 | Niagara | Niagara, O. | Thursday after full moon of every month. | Alex. Servos | John M. Clement |
| 55 | Georgian | Owen Sound, O. | First Tuesday of every month. | Henry Macpherson | W. C. Sumner |
| 56 | King Hiram | Pt. Colborne, O. | First Thursday of every month. | James B. Neff | |
| 57 | Pembroke | Pembroke, N. | First Monday of every month. | Wm. R. White | |
| 58 | Sussex | Brockville, O. | Friday on or prev. to full moon of every month. | Geo. C. Longley | |
| 59 | Doric | Newmarket, O. | First Wednesday of every month. | Andw. M. Hood | |
| 60 | Granite | Perth, O. | Second Monday of every month. | Joseph F. Kennedy | |
| 61 | York | Eglinton, O. | Fourth Thursday of every month. | Daniel Spry | |
| 62 | Havelock | Lucknow, O. | First Monday of every month. | Jas. Somerville | |
| 63 | | | | | |

EXPULSIONS.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro', O.

Comp. Maurice Dunsford.

SUSPENSIONS.

UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, Montreal, Q.

Comp. James McLea.

Montreal Chapter, No. 42, Montreal, Q.

Comp. Alex. Chisholm, 9 months, from the 11th May, 1873.

St. Charles Chapter, No. 51, Point St. Charles, Q.

Comp. James McLea.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

New Brunswick Chapter, No 10, St. John, N. B.

Comp. Wm. D. Aitken,
 " C. G. Berryman,
 " John Dean,
 " Thos. H Merritt,

Comp. Archd. McLean,
 " Wm. Gardner,
 " T. W. D. Foster,

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 25, Montreal, Q.

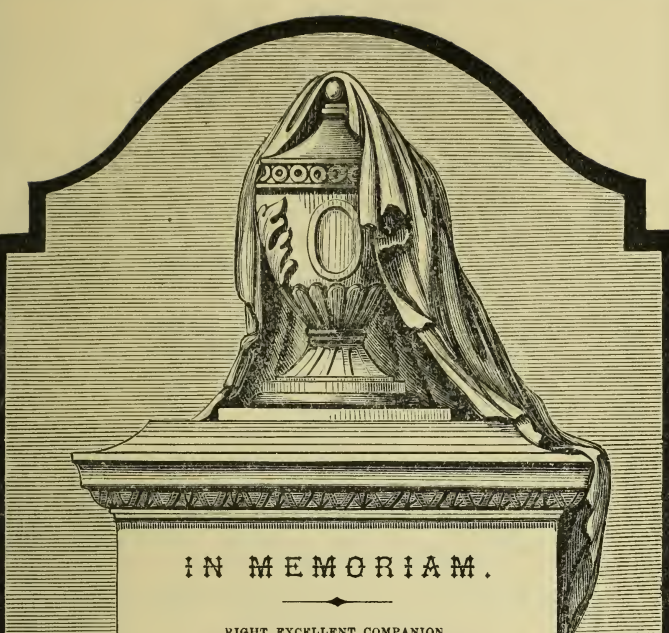
Comp. A. M. F. Gainelli,
 " Wm. Farquharson,
 " Wm. G. Stethem,
 " Geo. A. Pearce,
 " Thos. E. Donnaghue,

Comp. W. E. Coquillet,
 " Robt. Shaw Scott,
 " John Moore.
 " James Leynar,
 " Wm. T. Rickaby.

RESTORATIONS.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, O.

Comp. Thomas Gordon.



IN MEMORIAM.

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Canada,
Grand Scribe E. Grand Chapter of Canada.

DIED AUGUST 18, A. D. 1874,
AGED 55 YEARS.

AT REST.

BEALE, TORONTO



AT REST.

No. 1.

Comp. GEORGE OLLIVER, 9th July, 1873.

No. 2.

V. E. Comp. W. W. PRINGLE, 28th August, 1873.

No. 4.

R. E. Comp. ALFIO DEGRASSI, 11th May, 1873.

No. 5.

Comp. EBENEZER ZEAL.

No. 6.

Comp. PETER McQUILLAN.

Comp. J. W. FERGUSON.

Comp. WILLIAM DON.

No. 10.

Comp. WILLIAM C. HARLEY.

Comp. G. E. S. KEATOR, 21st January, 1874.

No. 12.

R. E. Comp. JOHN VANASOUR, 15th January, 1874.

E. Comp. HY. S. MINNES, 20th January, 1874.

No. 18.

Comp. ABEL BRISTOL, 11th November, 1873.

No. 19.

Comp. WM. HALLET ETTE, 19th September, 1873.

Comp. DAVID KILLINS, 16th December, 1873.

No. 23.

Comp. BERKELEY POWELL, 20th July, 1872.

Comp. R. THOROUGHGOOD, 9th October, 1872.

No. 24

Comp. JACOB WAGNER, December, 1873.

No. 28.

Comp. P. T. DUFFY, 18th August, 1873.

No. 39.

Comp. GEORGE E. BOTSFORD, 12th December, 1873.

No. 41.

Comp. ABEL BRISTOL, 11th November, 1873.

Comp. JAMES F. WRIGHT, 21st November, 1873.

No. 43.

Comp. JOHN ANDERSON, 28th April, 1873.

No. 16.

Comp. ANDREW KERR, 22nd April, 1873.

Comp. MICHAEL J. MAY, 14th July, 1873.

No. 17.

Comp. JOHN B. LAY, 11th June, 1872.

REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

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| M. E. Comp. | T. D. Harrington, | from Grand Chapter of Tennessee. |
| " " | T. D. Harrington, | " " Nova Scotia. |
| " " | T. D. Harrington, | " " California. |
| " " | James Seymour, | " " Indiana. |
| R. " | James K. Kerr, | " " Scotland. |
| " " | David McLellan, | " " Georgia. |
| " " | R. Ramsay, | " " Nebraska. |
| " " | R. Ramsay, | " " Ohio. |
| " " | Robert Ramsay, | " " Illinois. |
| " " | Henry Robertson, | " " Dist. of Col. |
| " " | Henry Robertson, | " " New York. |
| " " | W. J. B. McLeod Moore, | " " Missouri. |
| " " | Daniel Spry, | " " New Jersey. |
| " " | E. M. Copeland, | " " Texas. |

FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

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| M. E. Comp. | W. H. McIlhamey, | in Grand Chapter of New Jersey. |
| R. E. | John Laurie, | " " Scotland. |
| " " | George S. Blackie, | " " Tennessee. |
| " " | George F. Gouley, | " " Missouri. |
| " " | H. P. Deuel, | " " Nebraska. |
| " " | Chas. A. Woodward, | " " Ohio. |
| " " | John S. Bowen, | " " New York. |
| " " | William Brinsmaid. | " " Vermont. |
| " " | John Edwin Mason, | " " Dist. of Col. |
| " " | James A. Miles, | " " Illinois. |
| " " | W. H. Tuller, | " " Georgia. |
| " " | Arthur Fletcher, | " " Nova Scotia |
| " " | Louis Wiggin, | " " California. |
| " " | Frederick Binckes, | " Mark Lodge, England. |

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,

1874-5.

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| M. E. Comp. | James Seymour, | - | - | Grand Z. | } Grand Council |
| R. " " | W. H. Weller, | - | - | " H. | |
| " " " | R. Kincaid, | - | - | " J. | |
| " " " | R. P. Stephens, | - | - | " | Scribe E. |
| " " " | Jas. B. Nixon, | - | - | " | " N. |
| " " " | R. Brierley, | - | - | " | Principal Soj'r. |
| " " " | David McLellan, | - | - | " | Treasurer. |
| " " " | John Satchell, | - | - | " | Registrar. |
| V. " " | Geo. S. Oldrieve, | - | - | " | 1st Asst. Sojourner. |
| " " " | Chauncey Bennett, | - | - | " | 2nd " " |
| " " " | W. H. Walkem, | - | - | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | Thomas Parkinson, | - | - | " | Standard " |
| " " " | Henry Duffell, | - | - | " | Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| " " " | W. C. Morrison, | - | - | " | Organist. |
| " " " | J. G. A. LeBlanc, | - | - | " | Pursuivant. |
| " " " | J. O'Donnell, | - | - | } | " Stewards. |
| " " " | C. E. S. Black, | - | - | | |
| " " " | John Gibson, | - | - | | |
| " " " | Geo. W. Morgan, | - | - | | |
| " " " | R. Ratcliffe, | - | - | " | Janitor. |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | James O'Connor, | - | - | - | London District. |
| " " " | John Wilson, M. D., | - | - | - | Wilson " |
| " " " | Isaac F. Toms, | - | - | - | Huron " |
| " " " | Henry Carlisle, | - | - | - | Hamilton " |
| " " " | W. H. Porter, | - | - | - | Toronto " |
| " " " | Peter Begg, | - | - | - | Ontario " |
| " " " | David Denoon, | - | - | - | P. Edward " |
| " " " | Jas. Stephenson, | - | - | - | Central " |
| " " " | E. M. Copeland, | - | - | - | Montreal " |
| " " " | W. G. Parmelee, | - | - | - | Eastern T's " |
| " " " | James Henderson, | - | - | - | Manitoba " |

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to submit their Annual Report. They have received and examined the proceedings of thirty-five sister Grand Bodies, and will notice them in detail, in the usual order, namely :

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| 1. England (Mark).....1873 | 19. Michigan.....1874 |
| 2. Scotland.....1873 | 20. Minnesota.....1873 |
| 3. Alabama.....1873 | 21. Mississippi.....1873-4 |
| 4. Arkansas.....1872 | 22. Missouri.....1873 |
| 5. California.....1874 | 23. New Hampshire.....1873 |
| 6. Connecticut.....1874 | 24. New Jersey.....1873 |
| 7. Delaware.....1873-74 | 25. New York.....1874 |
| 8. Dist. of Columbia.....1873 | 26. North Carolina.....1873 |
| 9. Florida.....1872-73 | 27. Nova Scotia.....1873 |
| 10. Georgia.....1873-74 | 28. Ohio.....1872-73 |
| 11. Illinois.....1873 | 29. Oregon.....1873 |
| 12. Iowa.....1873 | 30. Pennsylvania.....1873 |
| 13. Kansas.....1873 | 31. South Carolina.....1874 |
| 14. Kentucky.....1873 | 32. Tennessee.....1873 |
| 15. Louisiana.....1874 | 33. Texas.....1873-74 |
| 16. Maine.....1874 | 34. Virginia.....1873 |
| 17. Maryland.....1873 | 34. Wisconsin.....1874 |
| 18. Massachusetts.....1873 | |

From Rhode Island and Vermont we have not heard for three years, nor from Indiana, Nebraska and West Virginia for two years past.

ENGLAND.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

Last year we gave an account of the organization of this Grand Body, with the reasons for its establishment. We may repeat here, that it was formed in June, 1856, under the presidency of M. W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, as Grand Master.

The regular half-yearly Communication was held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on the 2nd December, 1873. In the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master, with V. W. Bro. F. Binckes, as Grand Secretary.

From the report of the General Board, we learn that :

"In the six months ending 30th September, 1873, 327 Certificates were issued, the total number of Brethren on the Register of this Grand Lodge to that date being 7,232.

"During the same period the following Warrants of Constitution were granted :

- No. 164 "Southdown," Hayward's Heath, Sussex.
- " 165 "Egerton," Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
- " 166 "East Sussex," Hastings, Sussex.
- " 167 "Washington," Beechworth, Victoria.
- " 168 "Keystone," Brighton, Sussex.
- " 169 "Elliott," Stonehouse, Devon.

"The Board has purchased a fourth Five per Cent. Bond of £100 in the Canadian Government Securities at a price of £106 10s., by which amount the sum to the credit of this Fund on current account, on 30th September last—viz., £135, 11s. 1d., was reduced.

The Grand Lodge Fee for Certificate and Registration was increased from 8s. 6d. to 10s.

A resolution was carried :

"That Members of the General Board of this Grand Lodge, being Royal Ark Mariners, be *ex-officio* members of the Grand Master's Council of Advice in all matters relating to Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, in addition to those now especially nominated."

The Fund of Benevolence Account is as follows. The large

amount of donations received speaks well for the liberality of the brethren, and deserves special mention.

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| Balance from last Account | £15 | 8 | 5 |
| Donations received to 30th September, 1873 | 115 | 14 | 6 |
| Half Year's Interest, July 3rd, on £300 5% Canadian Bonds.. .. | 7 | 8 | 2 |
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| | £138 | 11 | 1 |

Disbursements, 30th September, 1873.

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| One Petitioner | £3 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance | 135 | 11 | 1 |
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| | £138 | 11 | 1 |

M. W. Bro. The Right Hon. Earl Percy, was re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. F. Binckes, was re-appointed Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

From the Annual Reporter of the Grand Chapter of Scotland we learn that during the year ending March 10th, 1874, charters were granted to eight new Chapters, namely:—

- No. 145, Athole, San Fernando, Trinidad.
- “ 146, St. Andrew, New Pitsligo.
- “ 147, Westland, Kilwinning, Hokitika, N. Z.
- “ 148, Union and Crown, Auchinleck.
- “ 149, St. Anthony, Inverurie.
- “ 150, St. John, Shettleston.
- “ 151, Adamant, Barkley, C.G.H.
- “ 152, Perseverance, Leith.

On the 18th June, 1873—A communication from the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England, together with a letter from the First Grand Principal the Earl of Rosslyn, were carefully considered. After considerable discussion it was moved and unanimously agreed to that the communication be remitted to the Committee, with power to communicate with the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the English Grand Mark Lodge, and with instructions to bring up a Report to next Quarterly Communication.

On the 22nd July, 1873—The Committee having taken up remit from the Supreme Chapter as to the position of the Mark

Masters' Degree in England, the Grand Scribe E. was directed to ascertain from Companion Binckes. (1.) What Degrees were sanctioned and worked by the Body he represents, and the Lodges holding warrant from it. (2.) Whether it be proposed to carry out the suggestion in the Report of the Conference in London, and to establish a governing body to be called a Council of Rites, or by any other name which may be agreed on, to take up and work the Degrees between the M.M. and R.A. in the same way as these Degrees are worked in Ireland and Scotland. (3.) Whether the Ark Mariners Degree conferred under Mark Warrants, or at least worked in Lodges of or in connection with Mark Masons, is conferred upon Mark Masters, or upon Royal Arch Masons only ; and, (4.) What is proposed to be done with the Red Cross Degrees, consisting of three points, viz.—Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West ; also, to communicate with the Grand Chapter of Ireland on the subject and ascertain their views.

On the 1st September, 1873—The Committee having considered a communication from Bro. F. Binckes, London, in reply to the letter of the Grand Scribe E. on the subject of the proposed recognition of the body in London which he represented, and from which it appeared :—(1.) That, in addition to the Mark Degree, this body presided over and worked the Ark Mariners' Degree, a Degree only conferred in Scotland and elsewhere where it is worked upon Royal Arch Masons, but which, under this constitution in England, was conferred upon Mark Masters without inquiring whether they were Royal Arch Masons or not ; and (2.) That since the Conference in London, a new body had started in London under an American Warrant, and which worked, *inter alia*, the Excellent Degree ; but this Body was quite distinct from the Body represented by Brother Binckes, and that the latter had no intention of carrying out the suggestion in the Report of the Conference as to forming itself into a Council of Rites for the purpose of working the Degrees between Master Mason and Royal Arch, as well as certain side Degrees, resolved to ascertain the views of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Ireland on the subject, and, meanwhile, to report to the Supreme Chapter what had been done.

On the 17th September, 1873—It was unanimously resolved,

upon the Report of the Committee, to delay consideration of the communication from the English Mark Lodge until next Quarterly Communication, in order that an answer might be received from the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

We are unable to give further particulars on this interesting subject, as the copy of the Reporter which we have received is defective, (eight pages being omitted), but the final action of the Grand Chapter was the adoption of the Report of the Committee, by which the asked-for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, was declined to be accorded by the Grand Chapter of Scotland. One reason for this action appears to have been some movement of the Grand Mark Lodge, in connection with other Degrees besides the Mark.

Comp. John Laurie, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was recommended for appointment as our representative there.

The principal Officers now are :—

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| Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., | First Grand Principal. |
| The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, | Past “ |
| Samuel Somerville, of Ampherlaw, | Depute “ |
| The Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, | Second “ |
| Hon. & Rev. A. C. Baillie, Hamilton, | Third “ |
| Lindsay Mackersy, | Grand Scribe E. |

ALABAMA.

Forty-Seventh Annual Convocation, held at Montgomery, Dec. 2nd, 1873. M. E. Comp. Myles J. Greene, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. believes that the past year has been one of uninterrupted peace, and a reasonable degree of prosperity. He recommends a more general dissemination of the work among the subordinates.

Jewels were presented to two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Comps. Peleg Brown and H. C. Armstrong.

A suitable notice appears on the death of Comp. Richard F. Knott, P.D.G.H.P.

The work was exemplified by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans presented the Report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1872 is noticed.

The G. H. P. and G. S. were re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

Twenty-Third Annual Convocation, held at Little Rock, Oct. 31st, 1872. M. E. Comp. E. H. English, as G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest stated that, owing to the State election to take place about the time of the annual meetings of the different Masonic Grand Bodies, the presiding officers deemed it proper, for the good of the craft, to notify the subordinate bodies that the general assemblage for 1872, would not take place till a later day. Yet, under the Constitution it was necessary that a quorum meet on the day designated and regularly close to the time.

In accordance with the adjournment the Grand Chapter met on January 2nd, 1873. M. E. Comp. George A. Dannelly, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. L. E. Barber, G. S.

The G. H. P. delivered a good Address. He reports increasing prosperity.

The Committee on St. John's Collège reported that the general administration of the College was all that could be desired, or expected from the Faculty, with the amount of means and facilities at their disposal. The Grand Chapter donated their surplus funds to the College.

A Grand Lecturer was appointed.

The time of meeting of Grand Chapter was changed to the Thursday preceding the second Monday in October, in each year. This is three weeks earlier than heretofore.

There were no appeals or grievances.

A new Committee was appointed to prepare a Digest of Decisions, &c.

The following Report was adopted by a vote of 51 to 47 :—

“ Your Committee upon Masonic Law and Usage, to whom was referred the following decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest, viz. : “ That a Royal Arch Mason who makes application to affiliate with a Chapter, should be an affiliated member of a Lodge. I think the same principle should apply on application to affiliate as on petitions to be made a Royal Arch Mason ”—submit the following :—

“ First—That it is, in our opinion, contrary to the spirit and general law of Masonry to make Capitular Masonry dependent for its *affiliated* membership upon the action of a Blue or Symbolic Lodge, and where a dimitted Royal Arch Mason is also a *dimitted* Master Mason, the question as to which branch of the Order he will first apply for admission be left to his own option and discretion.

“ Second—That there is no by-law, resolution or edict of this Grand Chapter requiring a Royal Arch Mason to affiliate with a Symbolic Lodge before applying to a Chapter for membership; nor is there, in the opinion of Your Committee, any necessity for an edict to that effect; and therefore, in view of the principle of law as stated and the facts herein set forth, your Committee recommend that the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest be *not approved*.

We approve of the Report.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The G. H. P. and G. S. were re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 14th, 1874. M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Davies, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Charles L. Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. recommends the recognition of Nova Scotia. He has appointed E. Comp. Henry Macpherson as their representative near our Grand Chapter, and he has no doubt of the preservation of amicable relations with “ our companions ‘ over the border.’ ”

We extract as follows : —

“ I take this opportunity to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to a much neglected duty. I allude to the imparting to the membership of each Chapter of the information delegated in trust to you, their representatives. The unwritten part you are expected to take every opportunity to communicate, that none may plead ignorance thereof. The portion, however,

to which I particularly refer at this time is intrusted to your care for dissemination, in the form of our published proceedings; a little volume containing information of positive value to the Craft; an index of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry, which every companion, member of a Chapter, is entitled to. I trust that during the present session some rule may be adopted which will govern the actions of Chapters in the future; that the four copies forwarded *in trust* to the officers of each, as custodians and disseminators, shall be regarded less as the private property of the individual. Excuse the reflection, companions, my only apology is my earnest belief in and attachment to the principles of compulsory education, especially when applied to Masonic matters.

“The subject of physical qualifications is one of interest to the Chapter organization, and one upon which the statute cannot be too plainly defined. I know the general rule in our jurisdiction is, to evade, by saying that an applicant for the Chapter degrees must be able to conform literally to the requirements of the symbolic degrees. I do not think this sufficiently definite; and while in the symbolic degrees—the making of Masons—I hold to the strictest construction of the rule, that a candidate should not be deformed nor dismembered, yet I do not concur in the opinion that a *Mason*, by reason of such dismemberment or deformity, should be debarred from the progress ever sought after by the intelligent Free and accepted Mason, by reason of such accident. Let us make the rule definite, and if the committee to whom the applicant’s petition is referred, shall, upon examination, find upon him a false *hand* or *foot*, representing the originals, let them say to him by authority of the plainly written laws: “We love you, sir, and hold you in all brotherly regard. We know you as a workman full of honor and without guile—a Master of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons—yet you are dismembered, and, in obedience to the law of California, we must reject you—yes, even though you are able to conform literally to what the several degrees require of you.” Let us make the law positive, and leave nothing, in so important a particular, subject to the judgment or discretion of a Council, or the High Priest. I hope this subject may be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, or a special committee, who may report a rule of which we may make a definite regulation, clearly defining the qualifications of applicants for our privileges.

The Grand Secretary reports that he had the proceedings of last year printed and distributed within thirty days from the close of the Convocation.

The following Report was adopted:—

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question presented at our last Annual Convocation, by Comp. Charles Louis Wiggim, viz.: “does the restoration of a member of a Lodge, after suspension,

restore him to the Chapter?" having carefully considered the same, beg leave to submit the following Report :

"Our Constitution provides that no one can become a Royal Arch Mason unless he is a Master Mason in good standing, (see Art. XVII, Sec. 4,) and by implication it was held that he must continue in like good standing, to maintain his membership in a Chapter ; but as some doubts arose on the subject, General Regulation No. 5 was adopted, which declares that "no Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason for any cause."

"The Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry, and it is eminently proper that a person who is considered unworthy to participate in the rights and privileges of the symbolic degrees, should be refused admission among Royal Arch Masons.

"Our laws delegate to the Lodge the power to deprive any companion of his rights as a Royal Arch Mason ; and this being an established fact, your committee are of the opinion that the converse of the proposition should be accepted. If we allow the Lodge to suspend a companion, we should certainly permit it to restore him again when the cause of his suspension has been removed. We therefore submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption :

"*Resolved*, That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter."

R. E. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and on motion Comp. Wiggin was received and accredited in that capacity.

The Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia and West Virginia were recognised.

After a lengthy discussion, by a vote of 48 to 6, it was resolved:—

"That the limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be simply that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary."

On uniformity of work, the Special Committee reported, *inter alia* :—

"Therefore, your committee respectfully recommend that the work and lectures heretofore taught in this jurisdiction as adopted by this Grand Body

in 1855 be continued, and that each Chapter be required to conform thereto ; and to insure a strict compliance with this order, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

“That from and after the first day of December, A. D. 1874, A. I. 2404, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some Companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is “qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees, and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining,” and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.”

And their Report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence by Comp. Wiggin is exceedingly interesting. From his notice of our proceedings for 1873 we quote the following :—

After giving the ode sung by our visitors from Washington, he says :

“ We think we may hereafter safely designate Comp. Mason as the “*Singing Pilgrim*,” and we doubt not Comp. Cox will stand in the future as the Poet Laureate of the Royal Craft. What a relief it must have been to our companions of Canada to learn that their distinguished visitors did *not* come in the manner so graphically described in the second stanza :

“ Not as the conqueror comes,
They, the true-hearted, came ;
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,
And the trumpet that sings of fame.”

“ How could Comp. Mason stand up in that presence and deliberately sing such an awful *whopper* as that contained in the fifth verse? Where is Cuba, and sundry other localities we wot of? And then it is so refreshing to know that “Victoria and Grant” are an “immortal covenant,” and that they are “no more to die.” There are *some* people who we *know* are *not* immortal, for which knowledge we render fervent thanks—”

“The Report on Correspondence is again from the graceful pen of Comp. Henry Robertson, and is a model of its kind. It is one of those reports that, once commenced, the reader is disinclined to leave until it is finished. He selects with care and discrimination such portions of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters as he deems of general interest to the Craft, and comments upon them intelligently and courteously ; his criticisms, when adverse, are without sting, and we *know* his judgment must be sound, as we almost invariably agree with him. We can not pay him a higher compliment than that bestowed upon him by the Grand Z. in his address.”

“The address of the Grand Z. is an able and comprehensive paper, containing much that is interesting and instructive.”

And on “objections,” he says:—

“Our own theory is, that an objection should bar the admission of a candidate, until such objection is removed; but when the candidate has once entered the portals of the tabernacle, he has acquired certain rights which he did not before possess, and which no simple objection should deprive him of.”

“We notice that the writer received the high honor of being appointed Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of California, an honor which, we assure our companions, is fully appreciated, and we will endeavor to see that the interests of our sister Grand Chapter do not suffer in our hands. There are forty-four chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 1814.”

M. E. Comp. William Alexander January was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The 76th Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 12th, 1874. M. E. Comp. William Wallace Lee, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the G. H. P. we take the following:—

“In pursuance of the resolutions adopted at the Annual Convocation, 1873, (found on pages 24 and 25 printed proceedings), I appointed Chauncey M. Hatch, P. H. P., of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 15, as my proxy to visit and instruct the subordinates in the work. His report will be presented in the appropriate place.

“I am well aware that this plan of instruction is considered by some as perhaps not the wisest that might have been adopted, nor would I affirm that it is; but I do say that in the deliberations upon all such matters we should divest ourselves so far as possible of all preferences or prejudices for our particular Chapters, and legislate for the good of the whole. It was written centuries since that “the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak,” and this rule applies with as much force in the Masonic as in any other department of life. If it be objected that the present method of instruction is too expensive, let us consider whether it is any more so than the one which has been in use. I am well aware that the *per capita* tax is considered onerous—perhaps it is possible that it can be reduced without

detriment—but it will be remembered that we have had the object in view some years of publishing the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and the assessments upon the subordinates have necessarily been large in order to raise a fund for that purpose. I am informed by our Grand Secretary that we may now with safety commence the work. I think it should be completed as soon as circumstances will permit.”

He considers it desirable to revive the old charters, rather than grant new ones, where the circumstances will admit of it. He appointed a number of representatives to other Grand Chapters.

Companion William Deming, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a Report recommending that the revenue to this Grand Chapter be derived from exaltations instead of a *per capita* tax.

Companion John N. Lewis introduced the following resolution as a substitute for the Report of the Committee, which, after due discussion, was adopted by a vote of forty-three to fourteen :—

“ *Resolved.* That at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, there be required and paid to this Grand Chapter from each subordinate within its jurisdiction, the sum of *twenty cents* for each member upon its roll ; provided, however, that in estimating the numbers for the proposed taxation, all members may be deducted who have left its jurisdiction, and not been heard from for the five preceding years.”

Companion William Knox submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :—

“ *Resolved :* That the appointment of a *proxy*, for the Grand High Priest, for the purpose of disseminating the work and lectures be dispensed with.”

The Report on Correspondence covers 151 pages, and is exceedingly well written. Comp. John N. Lewis is the author, and he deserves much credit for his great care and ability in the preparation of this exhaustive review. Of the address of M. E. Comp. Harman, last year, he says :—

“ We have seldom met with an address evincing such thorough understanding of the importance and dignity of the office, with an enlightened appreciation of the sublime mission of Masonry, and a thorough conscientiousness in the discharge of official duty, as appears in that of M. E. Companion Harman. It is an undoubted misfortune to the jurisdiction not to be able to retain him at its head. But it is so unusual for a Companion

to decline official honors, for the reason that other demands upon his time will render it impossible for him properly to perform the attendant duties, that the fact of an exception demands special notice. It is your misfortune that there is so very much of interest in the published proceedings, as to compel us to omit from our report many quotations from the address, both entertaining and instructive."

He quotes, with marked approval, the Report of the Executive Committee, on the recognition of other rites, and remarks thereon :

"It is, perhaps, proper we should here explain that we have no intention of expressing any discourtesy towards those Brethren and Companions who appreciate these side degrees, or against the system itself. We know nothing of the degrees, and are consequently incompetent to judge of their merits or demerits. But we do mean to protest against the recognition in or by, or the mixing with Ancient York Masonry, of anything foreign to the system, whether it be the "I. O. of O. F.," the "Sons of Temperance," the "Knights of Pythias," or the "A. and A. Rite." They all, doubtless, deserve our individual respect and good will, but we fail to see why they or either of them should receive formal *recognition* from any body of York Masons. We are constrained to add our protest against the practice of some of our most distinguished Companions, of writing their own names, or those of others, with "33°" (or some other degree Fahrenheit—we use the term advisedly, for that is the natural interpretation to the uninitiate like ourself) affixed thereto, in communications or documents pertaining solely to the York degrees. In this connection it is proper to allude to another form of this incongruity. We noticed in one of the pamphlets we have perused, Companion *Hon.* John Doe spoken of, which we deem equally out of place."

Comp. Lewis has the following paragraph on another subject :—

"It appears by the report of another Grand Superintendent that in case of the death of the First Principal (H. P.) of a Chapter, the vacancy is filled by an election; which is entirely at variance with the practice in this jurisdiction. We hold it to be the prerogative of the K. to succeed to the duties, prerogatives and powers of the H. P. in case of his death or inability; and we believe this is the interpretation of the law which obtains in nearly all the jurisdictions."

We allow our second officer no such "prerogative" Our Constitution provides that on the death of a First Principal, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, and one of the reasons for this rule appears in a former quotation by Comp. Lewis, just previous to the above, and which he strongly approves. That is, that our First Principal must be an installed Master or Past Master, while that is not a necessary qualification

for our Second Principal. And if we gave our Second Principal the same "prerogatives" they have in Connecticut, the anomaly would arise mentioned by our Grand Z. (Harman) in his address, "of placing a Companion in a position to 'perfect a degree' which he is not able to confer," our R. A. Degree being, (as Comp. Lewis is doubtless aware,) the "perfection" or completion of the degree of M. M.

Concerning objections after a clear ballot, he quotes the remarks of your Committee in 1873, and then says :—

"But is no consideration to be paid to the peace and harmony of the Chapter? The discussion of this question is assuming considerable proportions, and is of so much importance that we may be pardoned for further remark, although it received due attention last year.

"It seems to us that the trouble lies in the practice, and not in the law—in the method by which some of our sister jurisdictions endeavor to enforce the unquestionable right of every member of a Chapter to decide for himself who shall and who shall not be his associates within the veils, accountable to no one but God and his own conscience for that decision, and not in the right itself. The law, as we interpret it in Connecticut, is, that it is the *right* of every member "to cast his ballot for or against all candidates for admission, *advancement*, or affiliation, without assigning any reason therefor," and that "a ballot must be spread upon the application of a candidate for *advancement*, if requested by a member of the Chapter, and a unanimous vote is necessary for such advancement." Again, "no candidate for initiation or *advancement* can be initiated or *advanced* if objected to by any member before he is obligated, and a ballot must be ordered at any time before such obligation, upon request of any member making such objection." The practice with us is for the Companion having objections quietly to inform the H. P. that he demands a ballot upon the advancement, which is thereupon ordered by the H. P., without stating *who* has demanded it; and we hold it an unmasonic act for the officer ever to disclose, directly or indirectly the objector's name. To repeat our words of last year, "it is safe to say that no candidate is ever proposed, either in Lodge or Chapter, except by some friend who believes him worthy and desires his admission. Any *known* opposition immediately invites discussion and necessarily tends to disrupt that peace and harmony which is the strength and support of all societies, but more especially of ours." And far better were a dozen good men and Masons kept back unjustly, than the peace and harmony of a single Chapter destroyed. It works well with us, and we believe it is in accord with the ancient usages of the craft."

We presume that Comp. Lewis, in saying, "the law as we

interpret it in Connecticut," means the law as they have *made* it in Connecticut, either by a constitutional provision, or a general regulation having the same force. The fallacy in this argument is, that Comp. Lewis takes the law of a particular jurisdiction, and argues therefrom, as if that particular law governed all other jurisdictions (By the way the same fallacy arises in his use of the word "prerogative," and the phrase "interpretation of the law," which we find in his remarks, quoted above, on the death of a first officer.)

In jurisdictions where the ballot is not required to be taken for each degree, the arguments of Comp. Lewis can have no possible application. As to the "preservation of peace and harmony," that desirable state of things has no stronger advocates for its perpetuation than ourselves, and we agree with all that Comp. Lewis has said on that subject, but we would confine these very strong precautions to the candidate's first initiation into Masonry. After a man has become a Mason, we are of opinion that the allowance of an unsupported *objection* to his advancement, will be more destructive of the harmony that should prevail, than his reception of the degrees, to which he has already been declared entitled. Again we say, "allow no objections after a clear ballot except *for cause*, and require them to be followed by a *charge* and *due trial*."

After quoting our remarks of last year on the exaltation of a minor, Comp. Lewis wittily observes:—

"Our R. E. Companion's explanation is eminently satisfactory to us. We accept his apology with effusion. It is extremely gratifying to know that there is one Country where Lewises are appreciated. Were it not that this report must get to the printer *instantly*, we would forthwith emigrate to the Grampian Hills where our father didn't feed his flock, but where we are sure we should be accorded our *nominal* privileges, and our two young "Lewises,"—twelve and two respectively—be forthwith exalted by dispensation. No, we are too fast. We will stay where we are until they arrive "at eighteen years of age" and ship each in turn to Scotland to receive his birthright. We have no more sympathy with our Maryland Companions on *this* subject, for you know charity is not the only virtue that begins at home."

We extract the following from his review of Arkansas:—

“There is something lachrymosely ludicrous in the following from the report of the Grand Lecturer, Companion John W. Jordan :

“On the 29th and 30th I visited Washington Chapter, No. 23, which I found almost dead and inactive. The M. E. High Priest, after using all his energies, succeeded in getting a quorum, and opened the Chapter ; but, after calling to refreshment, he could not get them together any more, and I had to leave that Chapter without closing, and in all probability it is still in that condition, for the High Priest informed me that it was seldom he could get a quorum to transact any business, that the Companions, with some exceptions, seemed to have lost all interest in capitular Masonry.

“Imagine the disgust of the Grand Lecturer, and the blank despair of the High Priest, on finding that the refreshments had been too much for their companions, as “they folded their” veils “like the Arab, and silently stole away ;” with the inhospitable portal of that open Chapter, which might never, never, never more be closed, yawning after them, the unclosed grave of Capitular Masonry in Hempstead county. From the fact that Washington Chapter is omitted in the lists of the Grand Secretary, we are forced to the painful conclusion that the demise is complete ; and that the High Priest, having exhausted “all his energies” in getting a “quorum” remains unequal and impassive to break the spell of those refreshments, to which he thoughtlessly dismissed his companions, on that fatal “Decoration Day.” The soldiers’ graves are closed and well rounded up with fresh green sod ; and on each returning 30th of May, fair hands, prompted by the devotion of faithful hearts, strew flowers and garlands around the consecrated hillocks. But alas for the Royal Arch in Hempstead county ! The anniversary finds its tomb unclosed, unkempt, unvisited ; while the irreverent companions, forgetful of former obligations and endearments, give no thought to the deserted Sanctuary, and are becoming more and more besotted by those refreshments, from which, unhappily, no power can again recall them.

“We think it fair to infer a good opening for Cryptic Masonry in Hempstead.

Also the following on the subject of dues :—

“There is much to be said upon both sides of this subject of dues. In the first place, it is an innovation upon the ancient body of Freemasonry—unavoidable, we will admit, because of the changes in the habits and customs of men of the nineteenth century from those of their ancestors, but still an innovation. In this age and country it is doubtless true that a proper system of membership dues, carefully surrounded by conservative restrictions is necessary to the life and prosperity of any society of men. But it is of the utmost importance that all rules and regulations, legislation and practice, concerning the subject, be founded and carried out in constant view of the fact that *it is*, though necessary, an innovation.

“Now, from its earliest existence, tradition informs us, the rituals bear testimony, and we firmly believe, that the cornerstone of Masonry, as an organized society, has been its *voluntary* character. This is indicated by the very name, *Free and Accepted Mason*. And if there is one sentiment which causes the heart to swell with honest pride, quickens the pulse to earnest endeavor, causes the eye to kindle and glow with fervent zeal, and the sensibilities to reach forth with love and kindness towards our fellows, it is the *consciousness of freedom*. To Americans it is as the light of the sun; the pure air of heaven; the shower after the drouth; the evening breeze, in August. We inhale it with every breath we draw; it sustains us in all the trials of life, and refreshes us after its conflicts and disappointments.

Let *Free* Masons, then, exercise a modicum of the wisdom of our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, in adapting a necessary innovation to the time-honored and inherent *freedom* of the order. Lodge or Chapter membership, with its peculiar attendant privileges, may justly be coupled with and hinge upon a definite pecuniary contribution towards its organic maintenance. But do not force any worthy Brother or Companion to the alternative of either making the humiliating confession of his poverty, or being branded as a Masonic criminal. We believe it *our* duty to be an affiliated member of a Lodge, a Chapter, a Council, and a Commandery; but we deem it a question of personal duty which we are *free* to decide for ourself, responsible to no one but our God and our conscience, and we accord the same *free* decision to every Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight in the Universe. If any one chooses to debar himself from the rights and privileges of membership—and if you will reflect a moment you will note many which do not pertain to a non-affiliate—why, let him go. We hav’nt half the dread of the disastrous influence of non-affiliated Masons that we have of those who, with no love or appreciation of our principles, no desire for the moral elevation of themselves or others, might be retained in membership solely through dread of discipline—dead wood, knarled, withered and dried-up limbs, sticking to the trunk, solely because the cohesive power of law keeps them there, to mar all the lovely proportions of the tree by their inherent hideousness.

“But one word more. On the “dollars and cents” principle of Companion Wiggin, we ask this question. After having *paid* for his degrees, and the consequent advantages, has not every Mason the right to decide for himself whether he will further pay for the *further privileges of membership*? Companion Wiggin rightly says, “the good and true Mason needs no incentive to pay his dues;” and we will add that it is a reproach and a scandal, that such an one should be forced by *the law* to accord the equal rights of membership, to the unworthy cravens who pay them grudgingly and tardily,” only through dread of discipline.

And also the subjoined extract from his notice of North Carolina :—

“It depends entirely upon the theatre of the centralization. Politically, we are opposed to it, “horse, foot and dragoons ;” and are ready to assist in marshaling all three against it, and artillery besides, whenever and wherever it becomes necessary. But centralized power is as necessary to the life and well-being of Masonry, as it is destructive of our civil existence. The difference is that Subordinate Bodies in Masonry *are* Subordinate, and not Sovereign like States ; and while the *political* Grand Chapter is a body of defined and limited, delegated powers, the *Masonic* is the *source* of all power and authority, and delegates certain defined and limited jurisdiction to subordinates. There is no parallel between the two. They start from different poles, and work in opposite directions, to accomplish separate ends and provide for distinct necessities of the human family. There is far too general a disposition to square Masonry to American political theories. But, believe us, it is ill-advised ; and should it ever be accomplished, the glorious old institution will become a massive bubble, and burst as inevitably as those little ones our children play with, which are the product of a forced chemical combination of the antagonistic elements, oil and water.”

M. E. Comp. Edmund Tweedy was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, re elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

Fifth Annual Convocation, held at Dover, January 15th, 1873. M. E. Comp. J. R. McFee, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. decided that Companions who were petitioners for a new Chapter, had a right to vote on a resolution, recommending themselves as proper persons to form a new Chapter.

Grand Chapter decided, in effect, that their present organization was not a restoration or revival of the old Grand Chapter of Delaware, but was a new Body, and that Past Grand High Priests of the old Grand Chapter were not permanent members of the present one.

An appeal was taken from the following ruling of a High Priest :

“1st. That the Grand High Priest cannot grant a Dispensation to form a new Chapter *at this time*, being within two months next preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

2nd. That the Grand Chapter cannot grant Dispensations.

3rd. As the Grand High Priest could not grant the Dispensation asked or without violating the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, he—the High Priest—could not entertain a motion asking the Grand High Priest to violate the Constitution of the Grand Chapter without violating his own obligation.”

The appeal was as follows :—

“The decision from which I appeal is as follows :—

“That the motion to grant a request from the Companions applying to you for a Dispensation to open and hold a new Chapter,—to be called *Delta Chapter*—for a recommendation from St. John’s Chapter to accompany such application, as required by the Constitution of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter was out of order, for the reasons stated in Art. 2nd, Sec. 19, of such Constitution.

“The grounds of my appeal are as follows :—

“1st. That said Section is for the government and guidance of the officers of the Grand Chapter having authority to grant Dispensations, and has no reference to the duties of Subordinate Chapters or their High Priests in the matter of granting recommendations to Companions desiring to organize new Chapters.

“2nd. That no time was mentioned in said application for Dispensation for the granting thereof ; that nothing is said in this or any other section which can possibly be construed, either directly or by implication, into a prohibition to applying for such Dispensations at any time.

“3rd. That no expectation was either entertained or expressed that said Dispensation would or could be granted prior to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, which was to meet in twelve days therefrom ; and, therefore, the assumption that any Grand Officer would violate so plain a provision of the Constitution, was unwarranted, and reflects not only on the character of the Companions making such application, but also upon the capacity and integrity of the officer to whom the application was made.

“4th. That the arbitrary and summary manner in which the motion was disposed of, taken together with the refusal of the H. P. to permit the sense of the members present to be taken informally on the subject, when courteously urged to do so by one of the Companions present ; taken together with the well-known fact (which, by the way, can be proven by a signed statement to that effect) that a large majority of the Companions present were in favour of granting said request, I naturally conclude that said ruling was a *mere pretext*, and that the *real* cause for denying the motion, was the personal opposition of the H. P. to the granting of the request, and

hence the validity of the charge of ruling in an arbitrary and unconstitutional manner.

Grand Chapter sustained the appeal :—

M. E. Comp. George W. Stone was elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond was re-elected Grand Secretary.

1874.

The Sixth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, Jan. 21st, 1874. M. E. Comp. G. W. Stone, G. H. P. . and R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the G. H. P. we make the subjoined extracts :—

“ The history of Capitular Masonry in our State has been a checkered one. In the language so often used in ancient history “ *It rose, flourished and fell.*”

“ Most of us who are now members of this Grand Chapter labored assiduously among its ruins, and have, after considerable effort, succeeded in rearing this present temple, which, if it is not grand and imposing, is at least of fair proportions and in perfect harmony.

“ The machinery seems now to be in perfect order, and I trust no one will be found in the years to come who will have either the power or disposition to disturb its workings, through mistaken zeal or personal ambition.

“ Its life then being safe, and its sustenance secured beyond all probable danger, should we not address ourselves with renewed devotion and zeal to what is after all the chief work, not only of Capitular Masonry, but of *all* Masonry, the advancement of the great principles of *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.*

“ It is important that we should know our ritual well ; that we should be familiar with all the forms and ceremonies of Capitular Masonry, that we should keep our working tools in good order, and burnished brightly ; but let us not substitute the *description* of the thing for the *thing itself* ; let us not bury the *spirit* in the letter, but let us mingle with our beautiful and impressive ceremonies a practical exemplification of the lessons they teach ; let us not only exhort, but let us *do the work.*”

On the subject of uniformity of work, he suggests that the work of New York be procured and adopted, and that a Grand Lecturer be permanently appointed.

The Committee on the address of the G. H. P. reported as follows :—

“ On the first recommendation, viz : That of official visits by the M. E. G. H. Priest to the several Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest be requested to visit each Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction at least once a year, and that the sum of fifty dollars be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the order of the M. E. G. H. Priest, for necessary expenses incurred in his official visits.

“ On the second recommendation, viz : That of uniformity of work, your committee would recommend that the subject be referred to the several Subordinate Chapters, for the following reasons :

“ 1st. That the General Grand Chapter of the United States has not been able to establish a uniform work.

“ 2nd. That any effort to make a change in the work of the several Chapters in this Jurisdiction at this time would destroy their harmony, and consequently their usefulness.

“ On the third recommendation, viz : The appointment of a Grand Lecturer, your committee would recommend that instead of appointing a Grand Lecturer at this time, that the M. E. G. H. P. be required to exemplify, at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the work that he, in his judgment, may consider the best adapted to this jurisdiction.”

The first, third and fourth recommendations were adopted, the second being lost by a vote of Grand Chapter.

One new Chapter received a charter.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. George W. Stone was re-elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Seventh Annual Convocation was held at Washington, Nov. 11th, 1873. M. E. Comp. A. T. Longley, G. H. P. : and R. E. Comp. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary.

From the Report of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, R. E. Comp. Jos. S. McCoy, we take the following :—

"I feel it a duty I owe this Grand Chapter to make mention of the truly fraternal courtesies and hospitalities extended to one of our constituent Chapters by the Grand Chapter of Canada, at its last Annual Convocation, held at Kingston, Canada, where the work of this jurisdiction was exemplified by it before that Grand Body. The sojourn among our brethren of the Dominion was the source of many happy results, not the least of which was the thorough interchange of views and capitular data fraternally exchanged between the Companions of Canada and those of this jurisdiction."

Comp. Albert Pike stated that inasmuch as it had been asserted in the Grand Chapter that Chapters were working in this jurisdiction under charters granted by the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England, he would move :—

"That a Committee of Three be appointed to ascertain if such were the facts, and, if so, that the Committee report to the Grand High Priest, and that he at once notify such Grand Bodies that unless the charters were immediately revoked he would declare Masonic intercourse suspended, and request sister Grand Bodies to do likewise."

The motion was carried.

Comp. E. B. McGrotly submitted a good Report on Correspondence, but our proceedings do not appear to have been received.

M. E. Comp. N. D. Larner, was elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens, was elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation was held at Tallahassee, June 18th, 1872. M. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a good address. He decided as follows :—

"1. Installation of officers of a Chapter, U. D., is neither necessary nor proper.

"2. Such officers work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest, and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests, do not accrue to them."

The proceedings were local, and call for no special comment.

1873.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convocation was held at Jacksonville, February 11th, 1873. M. E. Comp. David Jones, P.G.H.P., as G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins, as Grand Secretary.

We find from the Grand Secretary's report, that the proceedings of 1872 had not been printed for want of funds.

The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Wm. Morrill, arrived the next day, and delivered his annual address, from which we extract the following:—

“On this occasion, my Companions, I congratulate you upon the fullness of representation—the manifestation of earnest zeal for the prosperity of the Royal Craft—together with the satisfactory returns made by the constituent Chapters, showing a healthy and improved condition over the returns of last year. Although no new Chapters have been formed, the resuscitation of some of the old Chapters, gives us promise of returning prosperity, by far more desirable than the erection of new ones. During the last twelve years there have been serious causes for reducing our Chapters to a low condition. We have been traveling the rough and rugged paths of internecine war and reconstruction; each of which have been equally destructive to the prosperity, peace and happiness of our people. Under these disastrous circumstances, many have fainted by the wayside, and those who have emerged from the ruin have been compelled to begin their sacred edifice anew.”

Very little business was transacted.

Comp. Thomas A. Carruth presented an excellent Report on Correspondence. We regret that our proceedings are not noticed.

M. E. Comp. Michael Bowes was elected G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins, G. S.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Augusta, April 30th, 1873, M. E. Comp. George W. Adams, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. Emmet Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. H. P. is very brief. He has, however, one curious case.

“ I have been appealed to but once in the past year to define our laws, and that was by the E. K. of Newman Chapter, No. 34, asking my authority for him to open the Chapter when the High Priest was present but refused to open the same. I declined a compliance with his request for want of authority derived either from our written or unwritten law.”

He recommends Grand Chapter to resume connection with the General Grand Chapter, and it was decided that the views of the Subordinate Chapters should be taken on that subject.

The G. H. P. and G. S. were re-elected.

1874.

The Annual Convocation was held at Macon, April 29th, 1874. M. E. Comp. G. W. Adams, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. says:—

“ By the practice of rigid economy in our appropriations for two years, and continuing annual sessions, we will be out of debt. But should you adopt the amendment now before you for biennial sessions, and continue the collection of the same annual dues as now, there would be in the Treasury at close of the session of 1876, after paying all expenses, say \$2,500 00 surplus.

“ I take this occasion to say that I am opposed to accumulating a fund in the Grand Treasury of an amount greater than will pay the expenses of the ensuing session ; as nearly all our income is derived from the members of Subordinate Chapters, it would seem to me to be a wiser policy, whenever we have in hand enough money to pay all our proper and economic expenses for the ensuing year, to remit a portion of the dues levied on each Chapter, as in my judgment (from the manner in which the former funds of this body were frittered away) it would have been better if they had never been accumulated.

“ I take this occasion to again call your attention to the propriety of fully considering and determining our relation to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.”

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand High Priest reported that :—

“ They have considered the matters suggested in the address and find, 1st. That inasmuch as the proposed amendment to the Constitution, making the sessions of the Grand Chapter biennial instead of annual, has been acted

on and defeated, no action is necessary to be taken in reference to any anticipated increase in the funds in the Grand Chapter.

“2nd. The Grand Chapter having disposed of the question of the renewal of our relations with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States for the present, the committee have no comment to make upon that portion of the address touching the same.

“3rd. As there seems to be no probability that a new or revised Constitution will be adopted by the Grand Chapter at an early day, and many of the amendments to the Constitution being inaccessible, the committee approve of the suggestion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and recommend that the Grand Secretary have the Constitution and amendments printed as an appendix with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

“The committee congratulate the Royal Arch Craft in Georgia upon the statement of the Most Excellent High Priest, that “no appeal or complaint of illegality from the action of a Chapter has come before him during the past year,” showing as it does that our Companions throughout the jurisdiction are dwelling together, “in peace, love and unity.”

M. E. Comp. Luther J. Glenn was elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 30th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Asa W. Blakesley, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp James H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. has been a regular attendant at Grand Chapter since 1851. We copy the following decisions :—

“Washington Chapter, No. 43, asks the Grand High Priest to set aside the decision of that Chapter, expelling a Companion for disobeying a summons. I decided the Grand High Priest had no power to set aside the decision and grant a new trial. That the Companion could only be restored by the Grand Chapter upon the recommendation of the Chapter expelling.

“Sullivan Chapter, No. 128, says : “We have one Most Excellent Master, and one Past Master, upon whom we conferred the degrees on a credit, and they now decline to go any further, or to pay for what they have got. Query, Shall they be summoned to appear before the Chapter to answer, or shall it be conducted in a lodge of the degree to which they have attained ?” I decided that they should be tried in a lodge of the degree to which they had attained, if tried at all ; but that inasmuch as they had conferred the degrees without the money, in

violation of the Rule and the By-Laws, they had better drop the matter, and try and do better in the future."

A new set of jewels and regalia was procured at a cost of \$500.

The proceedings otherwise are of no special interest.

The Grand Secretary is the author of a capital Report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1872 receives fraternal notice.

M. E. Comp. Geo. E. Lounsbury, was elected G. H. P. ; and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

IOWA.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation was held at Des Moines, October 30th, 1873. M. E. Comp. E. A. Guilbert, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P., in the opening of his address, has the following eloquent remarks :—

"Despite all these changes, these 'moving incidents by flood and field,' these startling perturbations in the moral world, Freemasonry has changed not. In Iowa, as also elsewhere, her stately march has been steadily onward. Not too rapidly, but markedly, has the number of neophytes increased, while 'peace' has been 'within her walls, and prosperity within her 'palaces.' In Iowa quite a number of new, properly fitted and handsomely adorned 'palaces' have been set apart for the uses of Masonry, while the number of Masonic refreshment occasions and saint's day commemorations have notably increased. Restful and enjoyable episodes have they been in the 'bubble, bubble, toil and trouble' of the outer life of the event-filled year. These dedications, refreshment, and commemorative episodes, to my consciousness, have seemed to be like the musical and prophetic 'sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees,' for the which the kingly David was directed to listen as an omen of substantial victory."

He has also a paragraph on the practice of framing charters :—

"In this connection I desire emphatically to condemn the custom of having charters framed and hung in Chapter rooms. A charter should never thus be treated, but it should be in the *practical* as well as in the *theoretical* custody of the High Priest, going with him to and from the convocations. Almost every year we are called upon to replace charters lost by fire, simply because High Priests will persist in following the modern vicious practice in question, in order to save themselves a little trouble. To

the end that this custom may be abolished, I recommend the adoption of the following General Regulation, *to-wit* :—

“The theories on which the installation ceremony is based demand that the charter of a Chapter should always be in the immediate custody of the High Priest, *therefore* it is ordered by the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa that charters shall not be framed and left in Chapter rooms, but that the High Priest of each subordinate shall cause to be provided a suitable tin case in which to preserve the charter, and to carry it to and from the convocations of his Chapter. Under no circumstances shall the High Priest permit the charter to leave his immediate custody, except in the event of his contemplated absence from a convocation, when he shall place it in charge of the King, or in the event of the latter's absence, in the charge of the Scribe, who will return it to its proper custodian as soon as convenient after the aforesaid convocation has been holden.”

He notices, in feeling terms, the death of a centenarian, Comp. David Stiles, at the advanced age of 107. He had been a Mason for 81 years.

An important question of jurisdiction had arisen during the year, which is thus stated by the G. H. P., with his action thereon, and the reasons therefor :—

“An Iowa man, resident for years in an interior city, removes to the state of New York. In a lodge, seated on the banks of the Hudson River, he is made a Mason. Soon thereafter he applies to the Chapter and is rejected. Twice he repeats the application, and as often is rejected. After a few months have passed he returns to his former home in Iowa, ostensibly to remain, but does not demit from the New York lodge. He had grown from boyhood to manhood in the Iowa city, and was generally and favourably known to its Masons. Shortly after his return he consults the High Priest of the Chapter with reference to taking the degrees, frankly stating that he had been rejected in the New York Chapter. The High Priest, who is most competent and intelligent, examined the Grand Chapter statutes, but found them to be utterly silent on this important jurisdictional question. Therefore, deeming his right to do so unquestionable, he received the brother's petition, regarding him to be one who would prove to be a decided acquisition to his membership. The Chapter, coinciding with the High Priest, in due season elected the brother and conferred on him the degrees. Not long after his exaltation the Companion again changed his residence, returning to the Hudson River city aforesaid. He there made himself known as a Royal Arch Mason, whereupon the New York Chapter justly feeling aggrieved, the High Priest thereof wrote our High Priest, asking if the Companion had actually been exalted in the Iowa Chapter, and if so, why our subordinate had thus invaded *their* jurisdictional rights?”

“To this letter our High Priest promptly and courteously responded, acknowledging the fact, and explaining the wherefore by saying that the party was eminently worthy, and that as our Grand Chapter was silent on the points involved, and especially as older Masons in his Chapter had sanctioned his view of the matter, he thought he had undoubted right to the material of the New York Chapter, and accordingly had used it. Not deeming this answer satisfactory, a statement of the case, embracing the correspondence, was laid before the accomplished Thos. C. Cassidy, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in New York, and his interference invoked. That official immediately wrote me, enclosing the papers in the case, making formal complaint against our Chapter, and asking at my hands “that redress and masonic justice so justly due under the circumstances.” At once I addressed our High Priest, summarizing the facts, which were fully set forth in the documents submitted to me, and concluding with this edict, which is founded upon my well-conceived opinion that Chapter jurisdiction in *any* case, and, therefore, more especially in a case like that in question, *follows a rejected brother wherever he may go*. My edict was worded thus :—

“I enjoin it upon you, Companion — High Priest, of — Chapter, No. — that you convene your Chapter within three days after the receipt hereof ; then to read this edict and thereafter to cause the same to be spread upon your records. You will then cause to be presented, passed, and recorded a resolution addressed to — Chapter, No. — New York, disclaiming doing them intentional wrong in this matter, asking pardon for the offence, expressing a willingness to pay over to that Chapter the moneys wrongfully received for the degrees conferred on the party in dispute, and tendering that Chapter the masonic control of the Companion thus improperly exalted. You will at once send me a transcript, under the seal of the Chapter, of the proceedings had at the special convocation aforesaid, and will forward the specified resolution to — Chapter, No. — New York. Herein fail not.”

“Promptly and cheerfully was this edict obeyed, very much to the credit of our live Chapter, and greatly to my gratification. The result was that the New York Chapter, not willing to be outdone in magnanimity, accepted the *amende honorable*, declined to receive the fee, and refused to assume masonic control over the party, who remains, though still a resident of New York, a member of the Iowa Chapter.

“As succinctly as it was possible for me to do, I have stated this case, and I submit that our Grand Chapter owes it to itself to place among its general regulations an article which shall unequivocally affirm this principle of masonic law and comity, viz :—

“That Chapter jurisdiction is not limited by a rejected candidate’s change of residence, but that it follows him wherever he may sojourn. That

in order fully to secure obedience to this rule, applicants for degrees shall be required to state in their petitions whether or not, at any time before, they have been rejected by a Chapter, and, if so, requiring them further to give the name and locality of the rejecting Chapter, so that its permission may be sought as condition precedent to action on said petition.

“By such an enactment the Grand Chapter will show that in *practice*, as she really is in *theory*, she is determinedly opposed to the use by one Chapter of material to which another Chapter has acquired a title in a legitimate, and *therefore* in a masonic way, until the transfer of said title has been duly solicited and formally granted, and the ‘enabling act’ properly ‘signed, sealed, and *delivered*.’ ”

One of the decisions of the G. H. P. seems to contradict itself. He says that any Companion has a right to demand a ballot, at any stage of a candidate's progress, but thinks it is unmasonic. We say, if it is unmasonic, it cannot be right, and his ruling cannot be maintained. We believe with the G. H. P, that such a course is unmasonic, and that his remarks are sound, but his decision is wrong. The question and remarks are as follows :—

“*5th Query.* “We recently elected a brother to receive the degrees in our Chapter, and have already made him a Most Excellent Master. Companions—many of them—do not think him a proper person to be exalted ; still we have not sufficient grounds on which to base charges against him. Has a companion the right to demand another ballot in this case to determine whether or not the party should be exalted !”

“*Answer.* Yes. Any companion has the right to demand, at a regular convocation, a ballot at any stage during the progress of a candidate from degree to degree. But consider ; is such a course masonic ? Only recently you unanimously elected a brother who must have been well known to you. You have already given him *three* degrees, in part fulfilment of your contract to give him *four* ; and for the four degrees you have already received payment. You have not, as you state, sufficient grounds on which to base charges against him ; *therefore* you simply *suspect* the brother to be unworthy—you do not know this to be the fact. Do you think, on reflection, that this is the right course to pursue ?”

On the subject of the insurance of Chapter property, the following report and resolution were adopted :—

“Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that all Chapters should have their property insured, so that in case of fire they would not be under the necessity of appealing to this Grand Chapter for relief, and would therefore offer the following resolution as a general regulation, and recommend its adoption :

“*Resolved*: That hereafter this Grand Chapter will not remit the dues of any Chapter in this jurisdiction on account of loss by fire, where they have neglected to insure their property against loss in that way.”

On the jurisdictional question above mentioned, the Committee on Jurisprudence differed from the G. H. P. *in toto*. We agree with the Committee. Their report on this subject, which was adopted, says:—

“As to the New York imbroglio, of making a Royal Arch Mason of a man who is a resident of Iowa, but a member in a lodge situated on the banks of the Hudson River,’ your committee think the act of the High Priest in receiving the petition was correct. Our regulation only requires the candidate to be affiliated *somewhere* in good standing, not necessarily in Iowa. But your committee *utterly repudiate* the claim of the Grand High Priest of New York. The jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York *ends* at the line of that State; and that of the Grand Chapter of Iowa extends *all over* the State of Iowa. It is *residence* that gives jurisdiction, and not lodge membership. We utterly deny the right of the Grand Chapter of New York to make a Royal Arch Mason of a resident citizen of Iowa. The Grand Chapter of New York knows *nothing about* who is or is *not* a member of the Blue Lodge there unless he is in some of the Chapter degrees. Our jurisdiction is *exclusive* over every *resident* of the State. We require such qualifications as we please, but repudiate all outside jurisdiction of the person.

The widow of the Past Grand King, in straitened circumstances, received \$50 from the Grand Chapter, and \$70 contributed by the Companions present, and an annuity of \$50 was also voted to her by Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence notices our proceedings for 1872. It is again by Comp. N. D. Taylor, and is very interesting. He has a happy knack of combining useful information, with sufficient humor to make his reports well worth reading. We regret to learn that he now retires from the *corps*. He will be missed by his *confreres* more than he has any idea of.

M. E. Comp. R. F. Bower was elected G. H. P., and we take this opportunity of congratulating him on his elevation. We made the acquaintance of Comp. Bower, in Baltimore, in 1871, and we rejoice that his services have been rewarded by his Companions. We are satisfied that he is fully deserving of their

esteem. R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The Ninth Annual Convocation was held at Lawrence, October 14th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Edwin D. Hillyer, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the G. H. P. we extract the following:—

“ I am gratified, however, to be able to assure you that Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is prosperous. The Order exhibits a healthy growth, and I am satisfied that the outer gates of the tabernacle have been faithfully guarded. Fraternal harmony, the brightest jewel in the Masonic diadem, blesses the jurisdiction with hallowed light, and illumines the path of duty for the masonic laborer.

“ I would suggest, however, that if the members of some of the Subordinate Chapters would regard punctual attendance at their several Convocations *as an act of Masonic duty*, we would have more faith in their professional zeal, and could more conscientiously commend their earnestness. Where a Royal Arch Chapter, with an average membership, at the regular Convocations has merely Companions enough to enable it to work, the spirit of Masonry must be languid ; it cannot claim the proud pre-eminence of a model Chapter. If Royal Arch Convocations presented the pecuniary expectations of the meetings of a joint stock company, or a board of bank directors, it is pertinent to inquire, would the attendance be so limited? A lukewarm spirit is a reproach to a Royal Arch Mason, and fatal to Masonry.”

A resolution was adopted, not to recognise the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, because it refuses to acknowledge the authority of the General Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Our notice of Scotland for 1872 is largely quoted from.

M. E. Comp. John M. Price was elected G. H. P. , and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 20th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Wm. Ryan, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a brief address. We copy his reasons for the limited number of his official visitations:—

“I have visited very few of the Subordinate Chapters during my term of office, although urgently invited by some to visit them. I have in most instances forborne to visit for the reason that it was extremely unsatisfactory to me to do so, in view of the fact of the great want of uniformity in the work in our jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter having authoritatively prescribed no uniform work for the guidance of its Subordinates. This is a great evil, from which the Chapters are suffering much, and which in the past has been a source of very serious detriment to them. Such a state of things should be allowed to exist no longer.

“I earnestly invite the Grand Chapter to give this subject its immediate and thoughtful attention, and to take steps at once to remove this ground of just complaint.”

It was resolved to appoint Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters.

The *per capita* tax was increased from 50 cents to \$1.00, in order to increase the finances, which were in a depressed condition.

A resolution was adopted to resume connection with the General Grand Chapter, as follows:—

“*Resolved:* That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky resume its relations to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, be instructed to attend the next Triennial Session, with credentials furnished under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and instructions to consummate our union with that Body.”

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson is again the author of the Report on Correspondence. Canada for 1872 receives fraternal notice. We copy one of his remarks:—

“If an humble Republican may be allowed to pay court at a royal throne—the Chairman will say that he is very happy that the Prince of Wales is on his feet again, and to express the hope that he may survive his most excellent mother to wear the crown to whose jewels she has added additional lustre.”

M. E. Comp. D. P. Robb was elected G. H. P.; and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 10th, 1874. M. E. Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, G. H. P.; and R. E. Comp. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. H. P. displays much talent, and proves him to be an energetic and efficient officer. From his opening remarks we take the following :—

“Since we parted last year, though we were then living in a state of great pecuniary embarrassment and of political turmoil and uncertainty, which mainly contributed to produce it, we have seen even more troublous times ; the evils which then seemed to be confined to our own section of the country, and almost entirely to our own State, so far as financial matters were concerned, have since spread like a great tidal wave over the whole country, and all the people have had trials and misfortunes, which it would be in vain to attempt to picture or describe; calamity of every kind has sought all classes, and an untold amount of suffering has been endured; from this state of affairs we are not yet finally rescued, and the still unsettled condition of our political matters, disturbing as it does all classes of industry and enterprise, compels us to fear that the end is not yet, and that further troubles are in store for us. But throughout all the distress that has and still surrounds us, the mission of Masonry has gone ever onward ; peace and fraternal love reign throughout our Chapters, and a noble disposition to help each other has manifested itself among our Companions to quite as great an extent as any former emergency ever called forth, and at this moment our institution is undepressed by any of its mournful surroundings, and shines forth with a brightness of character all its own.”

He then mentions the fearful ravages of the yellow fever at Shreveport, and recounts some of the efforts made for the relief of the widows and orphans of Companions who had perished during the epidemic.

He records the death of M. E. Comp. Henry Rufus Suasey, one of the most eminent members of the craft in Louisiana, after a long and painful illness.

We quote as follows :—

“In conformity to a resolution adopted at the last Grand Convocation, I have caused to be made a set of jewels to be used by the officers composing the Grand Council of this Grand Chapter, when making official visits, etc., and have warranted upon the Treasurer for the price of the same, one hundred dollars. They are designed after the jewels of the Grand Chapter of England, with slight alterations, have

been highly commended for the beauty of their workmanship, and I hope will meet with your approval."

His decisions are on important points, and worthy of note :—

"1st. Following the action of our Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, I decided that all provisions in the By-Laws of a Subordinate Chapter, declaring members in arrears of dues, ineligible to office, and debarring such from voting upon any subject, to be illegal and unmasonic.

"2nd. That Sec. 15 of Art. 7 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which provides, 'that in all cases of trials, the regulations of the Grand Lodge shall govern,' means that we, as Royal Arch Masons, shall be governed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge, not only as to all trials, but as to all incidents of such trials, both precedent and subsequent, including the preferring of charges, the punishment, and the remission of punishment; that a Royal Arch Mason, expelled by his Chapter, can only be restored by the Grand Chapter, upon the recommendation of the Chapter which pronounced sentence, which recommendation must be adopted by the same vote which was required to pass the sentence of expulsion.

"3rd. That the Grand High Priest is not required to officially answer all questions of Masonic Law which may be propounded to him by any Companion, and that it would be improper for him to do so. That official decisions should only be given upon actual cases as they arise, and when officially requested by formal action of a Subordinate Chapter by resolution, or by the High Priest thereof, or at his direction. This decision was elicited by a communication addressed to me by a secretary of a Subordinate Chapter, under seal, but manifestly without authority, which contained more than a dozen questions on points of Masonic Law of the most primary character, and which I declined to answer officially.

"4th. To the question: is it in the power of a Chapter to forgive a Companion, who being entrusted with funds of the Chapter, to pay over to the Grand Chapter, embezzled them and put them to his own use, lied about them, and concealed himself by refusing to answer letters and surrender papers, and who now contritely acknowledges his crimes and pleads for mercy?" I replied that it was certainly within the power of a chartered Chapter to do so, and for the members of a Chapter under dispensation, to refrain from preferring charges against such a Companion, but that such a course would require strict discipline, and I would, without hesitation, revoke the dispensation or arrest the charter of any Chapter so acting.

In conclusion, he recommends that no candidate shall be exalted until he has selected his mark, and had it recorded.

We quote two paragraphs from the Report of the Relief Committee at Shreveport :—

"The most experienced physicians of New Orleans and the best medical talent was sent to our aid. Drs. Choppin, Bruns and Davidson, among others, and these gentlemen, on their return to New Orleans, made a report of their labors, and the result of their investigation, as to the cause of the malady—a fearless, brief and pointed address—laying at the proper door the lamentable condition of the high-ways and by-ways of the city under its years of maladministration—a sad condition from which there appears to be no relief under the existing government. Out of a population of about ten thousand souls, six thousand fled from the scourge during the latter days of August, and of the remaining four thousand—in the latter days of September—fully one-half were disabled by sickness, and before the epidemic ceased in November, the mortuary reports from the Howards show a mortality of seven hundred and fifty-nine.

"There was a black line drawn around us by rigid quarantine—the mails stopped, and the only means of communicating with the outside world was the electric telegraph. This was generously placed at our service, and messages of sympathy and relief came to us from all quarters of this generous nation—true to the instincts of the Anglo-Saxon race. The Howards received most munificent donations—not only direct, but through our friends in New Orleans, contributions were sent to the Mayor of the city, to the Odd Fellows and the Hebrew Benevolent Association, in orders by wires on the banks here to pay. From none were the donations for relief more rapid or more generous than our own beloved, venerated and respected order—the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

Resolutions were adopted, requesting the General Grand Chapter to change their meeting in December, from Nashville to New Orleans, but we find, from a circular published in the Appendix, from the General G. H. P., that he had no power to make such alteration.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose Report was adopted, differed from the G. H. P. on his first decision. They say:—

"His first decision. Decision 1st: Our opinion is that each Chapter is the judge of the qualifications of its members to entitle them to vote or hold office, until some edict of the Grand Chapter has restricted that power necessarily inherent in the Subordinate until surrendered to the Grand Chapter by some provision in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and we must disapprove of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest."

The same Committee has the following on Representatives. From the latter clause, they appear to believe, that representatives from Grand Chapters outside of the United States, should only be recognized by the permission of the General Grand Chapter.

“That part of the M. E. Grand High Priest’s Address, relative to Representatives, and referred to your Committee, is approved, and your Committee recommend that the Grand Representatives therein named be duly received and welcomed. As to the Grand Representative from the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia, reported upon the R. E. Grand Secretary, we are not prepared to report upon an opinion, as the General Grand Chapter is expected soon to meet, inasmuch as this question is more specially within the jurisdiction of that body.”

The Report on Correspondence is again by Comp. Horner. It is, as usual, ably written, and well worthy of perusal. Our proceedings for 1873 are noticed. He has the following sensible remarks on the action of Kansas, in not recognizing West Virginia, because of their refusal to acknowledge the General Grand Chapter.

“We are sorry that the reasons which led to this course of action were not given more explicitly, and that we are unable to hear the arguments that were brought forward to produce the result effected. The Grand Chapter of Kansas recognizes and is in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Texas, Alabama, and others in the United States of America, which no more recognize the General Grand Chapter of the United States than the Grand Chapter of West Virginia does ; and if a system of coercion is going to be commenced with West Virginia, the Grand Chapters of the other non-affiliating States will have just cause to fear that it will be extended to them in order to force them to join the National Grand Body. Self-preservation will naturally suggest to them that they must stand by their sister Grand Chapter of West Virginia and refuse recognition to those who deny it to her, and thus form common cause against the Grand Chapter of Kansas first, directly, and indirectly against all the other Grand Chapters recognizing the authority of the General Grand Chapter. In other words, the above action of the Grand Chapter of Kansas is a declaration of war made by a Subordinate State Grand Chapter without the authority of its Sovereign. If the Grand Chapter of Kansas is going to take upon itself to refuse recognition to another Grand Chapter in the United States for any reason whatever, it might as well send in its resignation of membership to the General Grand Chapter at once. It has been demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt, as plainly as a mathematical proposition that the General Grand Chapter has no power to force obedience to its dictates, or to control any of its own members, and it is not probable that more power will ever be granted to it. We see no reason why the Grand Chapter of West Virginia should not at once pass resolutions of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and subsequently, with all Grand Chapters recognizing the Grand Chapter of Kansas, in case the above action we have noticed is persisted in. Upon the whole, we think the action

alluded to, although the result of a year's labors in consideration of a committee, has been adopted inadvisedly and without regard to the consequences which must inevitably result from it. Our Grand Chapter has recognized the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, as many other Grand Chapters in the United States have done. It was formed out of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, a Grand Chapter which never belonged to the General Grand Chapter, but with which we have always been in fraternal relations. We can see no reason why our recognition should have been refused. Should the Grand Chapter of West Virginia call upon us to determine whether we should continue in friendly relations with it or the Grand Chapter of Kansas, by what rule should we be governed in our course of decision? If we are to be governed by the rules of righteousness, we certainly think we would have to decide that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia having been legally formed, the objection of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was captious, unwarranted and of no weight. We trust the resolution will be repealed. It certainly can neither be amended nor acted upon in any way by the General Grand Chapter at the peril of the existence of that Grand Body."

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

MAINE.

Forty-ninth annual Convocation, held at Portland, May 5th, 1874. M. E. Comp. Horace H. Burbank, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports as follows :

" Since our last convocation, harmony, peace and an average prosperity have well nigh universally prevailed in this jurisdiction. Accessions to our numbers have indeed been less numerous than in years ago; yet fire, famine and fever have been comparative strangers within our borders. These scourges have visited some of our sister Grand Chapters, and the loud calls for aid have met with noble and generous response."

We also extract the following excellent paragraph :—

" As I have done in my visits, Companions, so here would I repeat a criticism of too general application. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Royal Arch are often marred by the introduction of levity and mirth utterly inconsistent, to my mind, with the sublime history and principles of Capitular Masonry. The lessons intended by the 'living arch' and the 'weary sojourn' are often reduced from the 'sublime' to the 'ridiculous,' and 'exaltation' becomes a misnomer for 'degradation.' Such performances are not only 'unmasonic,' but 'uncomely' (I had almost said 'uncouth') in Companions and towards candidates. They are far beneath rational amusement. Overseers! reject all such unseemly stones. Clear away such 'rubbish' from your temples, ye who love 'the true' and 'the beautiful.' Such precedents are wanting in our early annals, and should

receive no countenance to-day. Due reflection on the part of members and official firmness in High Priests, will, I trust, remove this blemish from our work."

He recommends the preservation of the history of the older Chapters, and also a reprint of their organic law, together with a digest of former rulings, which were endorsed by Grand Chapter.

He made the following decisions :—

1. A member of a Chapter in good standing is entitled to all his privileges and bound by all his obligations as a R. A. M., although not an affiliated M. M.

2. A Chapter of R. A. M's, as such, may participate in memorial services, performed by the lodge at the grave of a Companion, at his request, even though he had been previously buried at a time when 'extremely bad traveling' forbade such services. These rites being purely masonic, this does not conflict with a former ruling (which I hold to be correct), that a Chapter should not join in the ceremonies of the decoration of soldiers' graves.

3. The installation of a re-elected H. P. must precede that of his subordinates."

We approve of the first and third of these decisions, but not of the second. We cannot see the propriety of performing any Masonic services at the grave of a Brother who has been previously buried. It seems to us to be a mockery of one of our most solemn rites.

It was made a standing regulation, that—

"The name of no Companion shall be inserted in any charter hereafter issued, unless his dismission from the Chapter of which he is at the time a member be first filed with the Grand Secretary."

Also, that—

"No petition for the degrees shall be received by any Chapter, from any candidate who has previously been rejected in any Chapter, until six months after the date of such rejection."

The following resolution was also adopted :—

"RESOLVED, That the sum of ten cents per member be assessed upon the several Chapters, to enable the Grand Chapter to publish the digest of decisions and pay the expense of visitation this masonic year, and the Grand Chapter's indebtedness to the Charity Fund."

The digest of decisions, above referred to, appears in the appendix.

Canada for 1873, is noticed in the correspondence report by Comp. Stephen J. Young.

Grand Officers re-elected.

MARYLAND.

At a special Convocation held January 14th, 1873, the following resolutions were adopted :—

“RESOLVED, That the Grand Lecturer be required to visit each Chapter in this jurisdiction, at least once during each year, and receive an annual compensation of one hundred dollars therefor, and in addition to said salary, shall be paid his actual expenses incurred in visiting Chapters located out of the City of Baltimore.

RESOLVED, That the M.:E.:G.:H.:Priest, in company with such installed Grand Officers as he may deem necessary, be and he is hereby requested to visit the Subordinate Chapters at least once a year, and that he is hereby empowered to draw on the Grand Treasurer for all monies necessary to defray the expenses of such visits.”

The annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, Nov. 10th, 1873. M. E. Comp. George L. McCahan, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Wenty, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a brief address, from which we make this quotation :—

“The past year shows marked improvement in all that pertains to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and gives great promise for the future. The Companions throughout the State have, with few exceptions, exhibited such zeal and energy as calls for the highest commendation, and no reasonable doubt exists, that if the same liberal policy as at present practiced towards the Subordinate Chapters on the part of the Grand Body, is continued, that great and permanent good will result.

Isolated as many of the Subordinate Chapters are, and unnoticed save at Grand Convocations as they have invariably been, no surprise could be properly expressed if the tendency with them has on more occasions than one been towards disruption. The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction, outside of Baltimore, has ever been of that peculiar nature, as to exercise the ingenuity of the Grand Body in devising means to support their vitality. On the other hand it is questionable if the Companions do not themselves unwittingly contribute to this state of things, by permitting themselves to lose the interest in their Chapters, which should always be maintained. work or no work.

It is not the chief end of Masonry to make Masons, notwithstanding a laudable desire to recognize among our numbers good and true men wherever they may be, and yet, we find the feeling prevails with a great many, that when there is no work, there is no necessity of attendance on their part. No greater mistake than this could be made, as upon the attendance of the membership and the interest engendered thereby, depends the very existence of the Chapters.

If one third were prompt and persistent in their attendance alone, such an occurrence as surrendering a charter would be unknown, or even thought of. Think of this seriously Companions, and let each estimate his own responsibility. In the premises.”

The business transacted was local, and needs no special comment.

Comp. H. L. Eimmons, junr., has a capital Report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1872 are kindly reviewed.

M. E. Comp. James W. Bowers was elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Wenty was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Four Special Convocations were held for the purpose of constituting Subordinate Chapters.

At a Quarterly Convocation, the G. H. P. made the following remarks, and submitted a form of Burial Service, which was referred to a Committee. We think that the Lodge Service is quite sufficient, that there is no necessity for a Chapter Service, and that it had better be left alone.

“ Companions, we now have within this jurisdiction sixty-three Chapters with about 7,500 members. During the last year sixty-six Companions deceased, some of whom were buried with Masonic honors ; occasionally one has particularly requested to be buried under the auspices of the Chapter of which he was a member, because of attachment to its interests, and of the pleasant memories and associations which cemented the members and companions together.

“ It has been a matter of regret that these requests could only be partially complied with ; as we have no distinctive burial service for Chapter use.

“ I have long thought of and wished that this want might be supplied, to the end, that those who have been with us in life, may in death receive the tribute of our special respect to their memories, and that this Grand Chapter may of itself possess and sanction such ceremonies as will be grateful to the living, and appropriate for the dead.”

Grand Chapter again declined to adopt the system of Representation.

At a Quarterly Convocation held September 9th, 1873, after considerable discussion, a Chapter burial service was resolved upon, and the form submitted was re-committed for revision.

The Annual Convocation was held at Boston, December 9th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. Z. H. Thomas, Junr., G. S.

The work was exemplified in all the Degrees.

The burial service was finally adopted and it is published in full in the proceedings. The service is a very beautiful one, but we fail to see in it anything peculiarly appropriate to the Chapter Degrees.

The G. H. P. reports prosperity and harmony. From his excellent address, we take the following :—

“ During the month of August last, an event occurred, which is perhaps unprecedented in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry. Lafayette Chapter of Washington, D. C., performed a tour through the Canadas, where they received marked and brilliant attentions, formed new friendships, and I doubt not cemented the ties of brotherly love and affection which unite us together as brethren, be we of “ whatever country, sect, or opinion.” The route projected, brought them to Boston on their return, and being apprized that King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport, proposed to honor Lafayette Chapter by inviting it to an entertainment, in their sanctum ; and to honor itself, in addition, by co-operating with Comp. Ben. Perley Poore, who hospitably entertained the Companions of both Chapters at Indian Hill Farm, I deemed it becoming in me, to see that some attention was paid to the visiting Chapter while briefly sojourning in Boston, and was much gratified to find Companions ready and willing to share the burdens thereunto belonging.

“ The visitors came at a season of the year, over which all bodies in Boston had adjourned, but I am sure that they and those who met them will long remember the time and the occasion with mutual delight.

“ Since occupying the position I have been as diligent as I possibly could, to collect in the Archives of this Grand Chapter a full set of the printed proceedings of all the Grand Chapters existing ; this has been a laborious and difficult task, for some are out of print, others are very rare, and others are too valuable even for exchange ; with others too, as with us, fire has done its work, and records invaluable have been destroyed at different times and in different places—some, too, have been lost, and this seems to have been the case with those of Washington Chapter, No. 2, of New York, referred to in my last Annual Report, for both the Chapter and its records, so far as I have yet learned, have gone out of sight. It is thought that the Chapter became extinct early in the present century, or shortly after the organization of the Grand Chapter of New York, in March, 1798, and the records seem to have gone also—as it is said that no traces of four Chapters then existing can be found later than 1804. Ancient Chapter No. 1, which was a member of The Old Grand or Old Chapter which held and exercised jurisdiction prior to 1798, did not come under the jurisdiction of the Grand

Chapter of New York until about 1806, and unfortunately, its records, dating back to between 1763 and 1770, were destroyed by fire a few years ago, when the store and contents of the then High Priest, in whose safe the records were deposited, were utterly consumed. I am in hopes that some traces of the Records of Independent, Rising Sun, Fredonia and Washington Chapters, the old ones referred to, may yet be found, and that more light may thus be thrown upon the earlier history of Royal Arch Masonry in America."

One of the very best reports we have seen is presented by Comp. John W. Dadmun. Canada, for 1872 and 1873, is very kindly noticed, and numerous extracts given.

The G. H. P. and G. S. were both re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

Twenty-fifth annual Convocation held at Detroit, January 20th, 1874, M. E. Comp. John W. Finch, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. issued dispensations for five new Chapters. He recommends that a fee should be charged for special dispensations; also that District Chapters of Instruction should be held.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Florida, which had been suspended for some years past, were happily re-established. The difficulties had arisen through some personalities in the correspondence report.

Comp. John Clark, one of the original members of the Grand Chapter, was made an honorary member.

The report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary is excellent, as usual. Our proceedings for 1873 receive friendly notice.

M. E. Comp. Alfred J. Sawyer was elected G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

Twelfth annual Convocation held at St. Paul, June 24th, 1873. M. E. Comp. J. H. McKenney, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Wm. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports that his duties have been extremely light, owing to the prevailing harmony and prosperity.

Certain resolutions passed at the last meeting were rescinded by the adoption of the following :—

“WHEREAS, All the Chapters in this jurisdiction (except Halcyon No. 8, of Rochester), have paid the assessment provided for by resolution of this Grand body, passed at the Grand Annual Convocation held in 1871, for the payment of a *per capita* tax for the publication (reprint) of the Grand Chapter proceedings ; and

“WHEREAS, The said proceedings have been published and distributed among the different Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, and received by them ; and the money paid as aforesaid has been expended for the purposes for which it was so paid ; therefore

“*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Grand Chapter, the action thereof, in declaring said assessment invalid, was not in accordance with the well established usages and laws of the Order ; and the same and all acts and resolutions conflicting herewith are hereby rescinded, and repealed ; and the money so paid is hereby directed to be placed to the credit of the several Chapters paying the same.”

In the report on correspondence we find a full notice of Canada for 1872. In answer to a query by Comp. Pierson, we may here remark, that a Z. must be an “ Installed Master,” and must also have previously served both as J. and H.

M. E. Comp. James N. Castle was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. E. D. B. Porter, was elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Twenty-fifth annual Convocation held at Canton, February 7th, 1873. M. E. Comp. H. C. Robinson, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. S. Power, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered an able address. In it he says :—

“So far as I know, harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction ; yet I fear that this harmony is not real, but only apparent. The punishment of Masonic offenses is generally left to the Lodges, and if an offender escapes punishment there, he is continued in good standing in his Chapter, no matter what the offence charged ; and if he is expelled or suspended by his Lodge and afterward restored, he is continued in full fellowship in his

Chapter. If we claim to be higher in degree, should we not also be higher in morality and virtue ? I think we should.

“If I had the power, I would consolidate, not only the Grand Chapter and Council, in one body, but the whole of Masonry—Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic—under one Grand Lodge and Grand Master, in each jurisdiction. As it is, our funds are squandered in costly charters, regalia, high salaries and printing, and very little left for the destitute brother and the widow and orphans.

“I think that no good results from subordination to the General Grand Chapter, and recommend that steps be taken to dissolve our connection therewith.

“I recommend that the regulation prohibiting the Subordinate Chapters from conferring the P. M. degrees, except on petition from the M. and P. M. degrees, be repealed. A Worshipful Master elect is entitled to the degree without fee or reward, and the regulation embarrasses officers of Chapters in uniting with Past Masters in conferring it, and results in no good to the Chapters.”

He appointed a large number of Representatives to sister Grand Chapters, among whom we notice Comp. Henry Robertson for Ganada, but his credentials have not yet been received.

Nova Scotia and West Virginia were recognized.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers, and the Representatives of Subordinate Chapters, be requested to relinquish the mileage to which they are entitled at the present Convocation, to the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, to relieve it of its pecuniary embarrassments ; and that this rule apply to all except those representatives and proxies who were not such in the Grand Lodge, and received no mileage and per diem from that Grand Body.

“*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter be printed with the proceedings of next Annual Convocation, and Committees are instructed to report at said next Annual Convocation.”

Also this report :

“Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address on the subject of dissolving our present connection with the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., ask most respectfully to report that they deem any action on that subject at this time, as inexpedient. They do not deem it necessary to discuss the question of power, upon which they entertain serious doubts.”

The indebtedness of the Grand Chapter amounted to \$4,704.47.

M. E. Comp. Geo. R. Fearn was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. L. Power was re-elected Grand Secretary.

1874.

The twenty-sixth annual Convocation was held at Canton, February 6th, 1874. Officers as above.

The G. H. P. decided that a Companion under charges in his lodge was not thereby disqualified from sitting and voting in the Chapter.

He believes that no Mason should be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges, without being heard in his own defence, and he recommends the repeal of their regulation, requiring Secrétaries to enter as suspended, those who are twelve months in arrears for their dues.

He also says :—

“ I have made no appointment of Representatives to other Grand Chapters, not that I disapprove of the system, on the contrary it meets my most hearty approbation. But this Grand Body has, by the adoption of the report of a Committee at a previous Convocation, making it the duty of the G. H. Priest to accredit *annually*, a Representation to every other Grand Chapter with which we were in correspondence, placed me in an unpleasant position, and at a loss to know how to proceed.

“ My predecessors had already appointed able representatives to many other Grand Bodies, and to remove them without just cause, seemed to me to be discourteous, to re-issue commission to the same Companions involved a useless expense, which this Grand Chapter could but ill afford. I preferred then to wait an expression of opinion from you, and this I hope you will give for the benefit of my successors.

“ I congratulate you sincerely upon the improved condition of your finances. The large indebtedness which for so long a time has embarrassed the Grand Chapter, and which last year, had reached to nearly the sum of five thousand dollars, is now reduced to but little more than one thousand. This happy result is due in a great measure to the prompt and favorable action of the delegates to your last Convocation, and a similar concession at this time—which I feel assured will be cheerfully granted—will place the Grand Chapter out of debt. This being accomplished, prudence would dictate the inauguration of a policy by which the receipts should at least

equal the disbursements, and your Grand Chapter become self-sustaining. How this can be best done, I leave to your wisdom to determine."

The following reports and resolution were adopted :—

"The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to which that portion of the Most Excellent High Priest's Address was referred, which relates to his "direction to the Secretary of Canton Chapter, No. 10, not to enter as suspended those members who were twelve months in arrears for dues," have had the same under consideration, and are clearly of the opinion that the direction of the Most Excellent High Priest and his views touching the hardship which the exercise of the laws of this Grand Chapter, would work to Companions in arrears, are perfectly in accord with the will of this Grand Body, and your Committee would recommend that the regulation governing dues be so altered as to conform to the regulation adopted by the Lodge.

"Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as relates to General Representation, beg leave to report,

"That the Report on this subject adopted at the Grand Convocation in 1872, be so amended, that Grand Representatives heretofore appointed, and hereafter to be appointed, shall hold their offices until their appointments are revoked, or expire by death or resignation.

"Your Committee really believe the whole system to be of doubtful utility or value, but as the same has obtained a general recognition, your Committee does not feel authorized, at this time, to advise its discontinuance by this Grand Chapter, and ask time to report to the next Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sincere desire of this Grand Chapter, that uniformity of work in Capitular Masonry may be attained; and it believes this result can be reached by the advisory action of a Convocation of Representatives from our sister Grand Chapters.

"This Grand Chapter respectfully invites the attention of Grand Chapters everywhere to this subject, and hopes some action may be had by which Capitular Masonry may work the same Degrees and speak the same Masonic language amongst all nations."

The report on correspondence is very good, considering that the committee has orders to condense everything to the "smallest practical space," omitting all local references, and reporting only matters of general interest. They regret that our proceedings were not received. So do we, as in that case they would probably have

not fallen into several errors, which appear under the head of Canada, in their list of Grand Chapters.

Our last Convocation was held at Kingston, on the 13th day of August, 1873, and our Grand Secretary, (or Grand Scribe E.) is Thomas B. Harris of Hamilton, Ontario.

In the review of Great Britain and Ireland, we find the following :—

“ In this short notice of Great Britain, we find that Capitular Masonry in Scotland and Ireland differs but little from that in the United States, whilst that in England differs from all. So much is this the case that an English Royal Arch Mason could not enter a Lodge of Mark or M. : E. : Masters in either Scotland, Ireland, or the United States. In order to remove this difficulty if possible, a committee from the Grand Chapters of Scotland and Ireland met in conference, informally, some of the officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England. The object of the conference was to procure, if possible, uniformity of work, and especially some recognition of the Mark Degree by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England. These Grand Bodies recognised fully the antiquity, beauty and worth of the Degree, but felt restrained by the Articles of Union from taking any action on the subject.

“ It seems that the representatives of the Grand Chapters of Scotland and Ireland believed, if the Grand Chapter of England would recognize the Mark Degree, that uniformity of work in Capitular Masonry might be attained. May we not hope that some General Conference of Grand Chapters will, at no distant period, be assembled,—that the Past Masters’ Degree be universally recognized as a Side Degree, or remitted to Grand Lodges—the Mark Master be fully worked as a regular Degree, and the M. Excellent conferred as part of the Royal Arch,—and that uniformity of work be attained in England, Scotland and Ireland,—in the United States, Canada and Nova Scotia, and that thus, through the Grand Chapters of these countries and their Subordinate Chapters throughout the world. Capitular Masonry may speak the same language and exemplify the same work.”

And we also copy the conclusion :—

“ It will be seen from the appended table, that the number of Royal Arch Masons actually returned in the States of the Union, except Nevada, is 117,383. The number of Chapters making returns is 1,823, whilst 119 make none. Your Committee believe that the number not returned, and the non-affiliated are fully equal to that actually returned. So many are

dropped for non-payment of dues ; so many demit and never affiliate ; so many even in the States are beyond the jurisdiction of working Chapters, whilst thousands in the jurisdiction of extinct ones, and in the Territories, are never reported. This estimate, full small, would double the above number and make a grand total of 234,766. Royal Arch Masons are one to every thirty-four adult white males. We may safely conclude one-eighth of this class of our citizens are Master Masons.

“ In the table is also given the ratio of Royal Arch Masons to the adult white population of each State. The District of Columbia stands first, Mississippi second, and North Carolina by far the lowest.

“ We repeat what was said in our last Report, that the greatest prosperity of Capitular Masonry is found probably in Connecticut, and the least in North Carolina. By sections, it is the most flourishing in the Eastern States, and the least so in Maryland, the Virginias and Carolinas. The other Southern States, the Middle States, and the older Northern States are about equal, whilst the smallest ratio to population is found in the new North Western States, owing doubtless to the thinness of population.

H. W. WALTER,

Chairman.

HOLLY SPRINGS, January 4, 1874.

COL. H. W. WALTER :—Find below a brief summary of the latest speculations on the *Sacred Names* of which you inquired the Hebrew significance and origin. This is, as you know, very much condensed, and on short notice, without the presence or aid of the authorities necessary to sustain the propositions ; but which I will be happy to give you more at large, if demanded. I have the honour to be, &c.,

LAWRENCE JOHNSON.

THE TETRAGRAMMATON

Or quadrilateral name of God, communicated to Moses, according to the ancient legend of the Burning Bush, is found in our Hebrew Bibles in Chaldaic characters יְהוָה which may be represented in Roman letters by JHJH. All the Semitic dialects had corresponding alphabets. It is known these four, or rather, two letters are only consonants. Vowels were not used until after the Hebrew had become a dead language. Exactly what vowel sounds accompanied the original Phœnician characters used by the writer of the Pentateuch are unknown ; and it is useless to speculate. Not those we now use in *Jehovah* (which is not a Hebrew word),—for these belong to another but less revered name of God—יְהוֹיָדָא—(*Adonai*,—my Lord),—

adopted by the later Jews, when the incommunicable name, was no longer pronounced. The word itself is undoubtedly a noun derivative from the substantive verb—to Be. The very connexion in the Biblical tradition shows that it was intended to express the emphatic—I AM—the Supreme Essence,—the Godhead.

During the early ages of the Hebrews, however, it was understood among the nations surrounding them, only as the distinctive appellation of their BAAL, or peculiar god ; the Jupiter of Israel. Hence in the early books, Jehovah seldom or never occurs alone, but connected with *Baal*, Lord, Master,—or with *EL*,—God. Instances of these combinations are translated in our King James version,—the Lord God, and Lord Jehovah.

Among the Semitic nations, Deity was always signified by Baal,—written in all the dialects with the three consonants which the Chaldee give as פֶּעַל pronounced variously however, according to the difference in the vowel sounds. In the Canaanitish Ba-al—in the Syrian or Chaldee and Babylonian Be-el. This last through the Greek and Latin has been transferred to us in one syllable—Bel. Hence the later Biblical authors speak of the Phœnician system as a worship of Baals ; or as given in the Hebrew plural Baalim. M. Renan, a living oriental scholar of renown, gives us the result of his learning and speculations on the subject—in the theory that the Semitic mind was essentially monotheistic. With him concur Max Miller, and the philosopher Strauss. The latter attempts to assign the cosmical reasons for this. According to this authority then,—Baal is the high name for this one essential Divinity. These are gentlemen that easily run off on fine spun generalizations. Whether they are right or wrong,—it is evident the Semitic peoples regarded their Baals as distinct ; and as a general rule there was a several Bel for every city. One God,—but divided,—something after the Greek and Roman notion of Jupiter ;—who might be Olympic, Capitoline, Stator or a Jupiter Ammon. So was the Baal or Bel or Lord, worshipped by different cities under different additional titles. To the Sidonians, He was Melek, or Moloch—the King. At Azotus, He was Baal—Dag-on—the Great Fish. As a Greek mind would express it :—a Jupiter of Fishermen, or seafaring people. In Damascus, He was Beel Rimmon, the very high—the supreme ;—or the God of Rem or Aram—Syria.

This brings us to that suffix—*On*, which we invariably find added to the local title ; except when. as in case of Moloch, the word itself expressed excellence or dominion. In the later written languages *On*—or *Own*—appears only as the sign of superlative quality ; but, like all particles, no doubt it was in pre-historic times an independent word,—meaning, Might, Excellence, Unity. Evidence of this is abundant—not only in Semitic, but other neighbouring races and tongues. Such was the source of the suffix—*On*,—to Amm-on ; the Baal or Jupiter of the Western Desert tribes. The original word is preserved pure, in the Egyptian name of Heliopolis, and the Deity venerated there. The Egyptians were not themselves Semitic.

They were essentially Fetich worshippers, like the cognate Bantu tribes. But they were often under the dominion of Desert races ; and no wave of conquest ever retired, without leaving some relics in words or institutions. If cosmical causes are to be relied on, they owed their very civilization to these repeated subjugations. They would preserve a word like this—a name of God,—all the more inflexibly, from its foreign origin.

It was according to regular laws, from the theocratic nature of their constitution, that the Jews should carry religious conceptions to the highest perfection for the period. Yet, in their history we see how slowly they developed these ideas, apparently inherent in the Semitic peoples. To them we owe the title *Jehovah*,—which may be regarded as the first ontological name of Deity. To them we owe habits of awe and reverence in the use of all sacred symbols. Cultivating this devotion, in progress of time, the incommunicable name—came to be guarded by unbroken silence. Finally it ceased to be written ; and was only signified by a contraction—the double yod—(J.J.), or י ה (JH). The latter with the initial vowel of *Adonai*.—meaning that the latter was to be spoken,—came in time to be mistaken or used as a distinct name. So in the common English version which gives it as—JAH.

Oriental students give us many curious instances of the compoundings, and corruptions of these sacred names. Among them the interesting one discussed by Masonic authors—commonly written Jabulun or Jah-Bu-Lun. Dr. Mackey and others, on good grounds, trace this to the very words and syllables here commented upon. Restoring it first in Hebrew, or Chaldee, it will read יתכעלון which is easily resolved into the three syllables, or names, JAH—BAAL (or BEL)—and ON. And it may be regarded as a collection of these appellations most distinctive of Deity in the Eastern mind : or it may be understood as one name,—the highest and most expressive ; such as might have been used by Solomon, and the High Priest, and Scribes, in the palmy days of Jerusalem,—meaning *Jehovah*,—*Lord*,—*Almighty*."

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

MISSOURI.

The 27th annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, Oct. 9th. 1873. M. E. Comp. James E. Carter, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports the subordinates in a prosperous condition. He issued dispensations for four new Chapters.

One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to the Memphis sufferers.

It was

“RESOLVED, That hereafter no Chapter shall be set to work under Dispensation or Charter until the members provide, or pledge themselves to provide at an early day, all the paraphernalia necessary for conferring the degrees.”

DEATHS.—James W. S. Mitchell, P. G. H. P., and John F. Ryland, P. G. H. P.

Comp. Gouley presents what he calls “a condensed report,” with this introduction :—

“I submit herewith my annual report on Foreign Correspondence, which will be brief, chiefly because I desire to condense the matter as much as possible, not only on the score of economy, but also out of deference to those who think the reports on Correspondence generally, are becoming too voluminous, and as most of our Companions have not had the opportunity of seeing a “condensed report,” we think it no more than proper that they should have a chance to judge for themselves which style they prefer. Since 1865 we have been furnishing what are called “full reports,” and this, therefore, will be an exception and a contrast. Some States prefer the one and some the other.”

He then gives eighteen pages of extracts, and winds up as follows :

“We have at last got to the end of this report, after reading through an immense amount of matter to get at it. We find, everywhere, the Craft in a flourishing condition, except in North Carolina, and we sincerely hope she may soon get out of the ‘slough of despond.’ Peace and harmony prevails throughout the land.

“For complete statistics see the extract from report of Maine.

“We rather expect that our Companions of the Mutual Corps will say that Gouley’s report puts them in mind of the preacher, who considered it sacrilege to pick out any particular chapter of the Bible, but held that it should be opened first where the Lord inspired him, and one day he happened to open at 1st chapter of 1st Chronicles, and after reading about forty verses, he sighed and closed the book, saying, “thus my brethren, they kept on begatting and dying to the end of the chapter.”

“Hoping, however, that I may be forgiven for all short-comings, I am,
Very Fraternally Yours,

GEO. FRANK GOULEY.

Committee.”

Comp. Gouley has got ahead of us all this time, but we are much mistaken if our Missouri Companions will be satisfied with that

sort of an abomination in the future. We naturally took up Missouri with the expectation of something good, of course, from Gouley, but our best feelings were outraged, and our tenderest anticipations were blasted in the bud, by getting hold of an amorphous production, only calculated for the perusal of a professional Dryasdust. The perpetrator of such a practical joke upon his confiding and inoffending brothers of the quill, ought to be—yes—certainly he ought.

M. E. Comp. Xenophon Ryland was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fifty-fifth annual Convocation held at Concord, May 20th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Edward Gustine, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary,

Reports were presented by the G. H. P., the Grand King and Grand Scribe, referring chiefly to official visits.

These proceedings are very brief, and contain nothing of general interest.

Comp. John J. Bell has a good report on correspondence, in which Canada for 1872 is kindly noticed.

M. E. Comp. Edward Gustine was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John A. Harris, was elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Seventeenth annual Convocation held at Trenton, September 10th, 1873. M. E. Comp. T. H. R. Redway, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

Among other matters the G. H. P. made decisions as follows:—

“A Companion who is in good standing, and having paid up his dues to the Chapter, desiring to withdraw his membership, is entitled to a demit. If upon his applying for it objections are made to granting it, these objections must assume the form of charges, and be sustained to prevent him from receiving it. The High Priest should allow a sufficient time for Charges to be presented.

“The High Priest of a Chapter may authorize to be expunged from approved minutes anything which in his judgment is improper to be committed to writing—but nothing else.

“Complaint having been made to me by one of the members of Orange Chapter, No. 23, and vouched for by others, of gross irregularities on the part of the officers and members, in allowing the secrecy of the ballot to be constantly violated and also infringing upon the rights of Companions by practicing games to prevent members from voting upon the petitions of candidates, I visited the Chapter at its last Regular Convocation, demanded its warrant, which was surrendered to me, and Closed the Chapter—placing records, books, papers, and all matters belonging to the Chapter, in the hands of the Secretary for safe keeping.”

“I have been asked by Pentalpha Chapter, No. 11, for permission to receive the petition and confer the degrees of the Chapter upon a Brother, a member of Varick Lodge, whose right limb is bent stiff, at an angle of about forty-five degrees.

My decision was that he could not be made.”

One of the Chapters visited by the Deputy G. H. P., has an improvement in Royal Arch work, in which the emblems of the degree are illustrated by the aid of a magic lantern.

The Grand King, Comp. George M. Jay, opens his report thusly :—

“Accepting the trust confided to me by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, on the 29th day of January, last, solitary and alone, with the thermometer so low that it was hardly perceptible, your Grand King commenced his pilgrimage in the wilds of South Jersey, in search of the lost tribes, and milder weather.”

He visited two Chapters at Vineland and Millville, and found them all right. He resumed his journey, cheered with his success “in searching out those industrious and noble “Giblemites,” and visited a Chapter at Bridgeton. He then says :—

“Thus ended my first visit to South Jersey, in pursuit of the lost tribes. I found three of them, and my reception was hearty, cordial and genuine. The Royal Craftsmen within these Chapters are as warmly attached to our noble art as those who dwell on more favored lines of communication.”

The Committee on History have not yet found the records of the old Grand Chapter of New Jersey. They however reported considerable progress, and were continued.

Decision No. 4 of the G. H. P., quoted above, was disapproved by the Grand Chapter.

Canada for 1872 receives favorable mention in the Report on Correspondence, which is, as usual, by Comp. Thomas J. Corson. We regret exceedingly to learn that he has been suffering from a severe and painful illness, and sincerely hope that he is completely recovered by this time. He has not, however, lost any of his mental vigour, as the following, from his review of Iowa, will show :—

“ The Report on Correspondence, in which the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters are noticed, was presented by Companion U. D. Taylor, and is, of course, in his usual style ; only, if possible, a little more so. Now, Companion Gouley, of Missouri, contends that Masonic Bodies U. D. are not inchoate bodies. And all who read this report must admit that, as far as this Iowa Masonic Body U. D. is concerned—this same U. D. Taylor—Companion Gouley, is entirely correct ; for this particular U. D. is not only not inchoate, but he is so terribly choate that, not content with being finished himself, he proceeds with great zeal and unction to finish everybody else. He sails into the ring with as great flourish of trumpets and elegant air of self-satisfaction as used to characterize the late lamented Honorable Richard Doot—better known in our juvenile days as “ Dicky, Dicky Doot ”—the astounding length of whose nether garments so greatly excited the admiration of all beholders. He announces himself as prepared to do battle with any and all champions who may present themselves, and, then with a

Cock-a-doodle-do !!
My armour please to view,
I'm Iowa's fighting lad,
And who the duece are you ?

he proceeds to cut and thrust, parry and strike, guard and attack, until he has vanquished all his opponents, when he complacently adjusts the laurels on his own brow, and, with a smile of ravishing sweetness, says, ‘ I told you I could do it. ’ ”

We also copy his conclusion :—

“ Thus, Companions, I present you my annual report, which can hardly be called mine, inasmuch as not one single word of it has been written by myself. The entire report has been written by a faithful little daughter, who wrote as I dictated. Those who have prepared such reports know how much labor is required in the performance of the task, even under the most favorable circumstances ; and they can understand, to some extent, how very tedious and tiresome the work must be when performed by the slow process of dictation and copying. But for the assistance of my daughter, who sacrificed her pleasures to aid me in my work, and faithfully wrote during the most sweltering days of summer, when her inclinations and natural choice would have

made her join her youthful associates, this report could not have been prepared. Nor would I have undertaken the work, had I not believed it my bounden duty to do so. I know how very imperfect and incomplete the report is. I know that I must have failed to notice very many matters of interest in the various proceedings received by me, for reading is such painful work for me that my examination of them has been very cursory and superficial. But I can truthfully say to the Companions of this Grand Chapter that I have done the best that I could under the adverse circumstances which have surrounded me, to present them a faithful and truthful account of the condition, as well as of the doings and sayings of the Royal Arch Fraternity in other jurisdictions. And to the Companions of other States, I wish to say that I have endeavored to do them full justice, and if I have neglected any, or overlooked matters of importance, such neglect and oversight have not been intentional.

I submit the report as it is, trusting that the generosity of the Companions at home and abroad will make them as lenient as possible in their criticism of the document. And I hope that the 'work,' although not such as the 'overseers' may desire for the building of our Temple, shall not be entirely rejected, but that its 'singular form,' if nothing else, may ensure its acceptance. For many years I have had the pleasure of preparing annual reports, but none has cost me so much labor as this, and none has given me so little satisfaction.

"Justice to myself, as well as to the Companions of this and other jurisdictions, requires that some explanation should be given of my reason for thus apologetically appearing before them. For nearly three months (most of which time I was compelled to sit with bandaged eyes in a darkened room) I was confined to the house by a severe disease of the eyes, ('Iritis') which deprived me of the ability of reading or writing. And even now the sight is so much impaired (which impairment I have reason to hope will eventually be greatly relieved if not entirely removed) that reading and writing are performed with so great difficulty that these luxuries (and none can tell, until deprived of these pleasures, what luxuries they are), have to be indulged in very sparingly. But though the eye may be dimmed for a time, the heart has lost none of its zeal for the good cause, nor has it abated one jot or tittle of its interest in all that concerns the welfare of our beloved Institution, and its love for Masonry and Masons can never grow cold while life lasts.

"While I have a very vivid recollection of the intense pain which the disease inflicted, and while I shall not very soon forget the sad condition to which I was reduced, when my wife and children were indeed eyes to the blind and hands to the helpless, still I shall never cease to remember with devout gratitude, the many comforts which surrounded me. The gentle ministrations of those about me, and the warm sympathy of friends, showing itself by numberless acts of kindness, sank deep into my heart, and taught me that human love is an emanation from a Divine source. O! Companions, earth is indeed the vestibule of Heaven, while we have such comforts as Wife, Children and Friends.

"When the black lettered list to the gods was presented,
A list of what Fate for each mortal intends ;

At the long string of ills a kind angel relented,
And slipped in three blessings, Wife, Children and Friends.

“ In vain angry Pluto affirmed he was cheated,
That justice divine could not compass its ends,
The scheme of man’s doom he maintained was defeated,
For earth becomes Heaven with Wife, Children and Friends.

“ If the stock of our bliss be in strangers’ hands vested,
The fund ill secured oft in bankruptcy ends ;
But the heart issues bills that are never protested,
When drawn on the firm of Wife, Children and Friends.”

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world, and most particularly in our own beloved country, is such as to make every true Craftsman rejoice with exceeding great gladness. Peace and harmony reign supreme among the workmen, and while we may honestly differ upon some trivial points, in all of the essentials of our Institution we are a unit. Let us pray, Companions, that this may ever be so, and that the Giver of all good may continue to bless us as He has thus far done, and that through His grace and infinite mercy each one of us may be made worthy to inscribe upon our hearts as well as on our banners, ‘ Holiness to the Lord.’ ”

The Grand Chapter generously voted \$50 to Miss Caroline S. Corson, for her services.

M. E. Comp. Wm. H. McIlhanney was elected G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Corson was elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The 77th Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 3rd, 1874. M. E. Comp. Thomas C. Cassidy, G. H. P. ; and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. H. P. opened with an eloquent exordium on our duties as Royal Arch Masons, in which the ceremonies of each of the Chapter Degrees are utilized to enforce appropriate moral maxims and profitable lessons.

His decisions during the year are all interesting, and have our approval :—

“ 1. That a member who has been stricken from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, if in good standing in his Chapter, is entitled to vote and is eligible to any office therein.

“2. That at the installation of the officers of a Chapter, the installing officer having received in writing, good and valid reasons why a companion should not be installed, ought to refuse to install him, and immediately appoint a committee of investigation.

“3. That a Companion Royal Arch Mason cannot visit a Chapter while under suspension for non-payment of dues ; and that a companion suspended for any cause whatever forfeits all his rights and privileges.

“4. That a companion, who has not been suspended or expelled by his Lodge, though unaffiliated as a Master Mason, is a member of the Chapter in good standing, and must be returned as such.

“5. That a Dispensation to make Royal Arch Masons at sight could not be issued, and that the Grand High Priest would violate Section 50 of the Constitution were he to issue one. That section is very plain, and not capable of a double construction. I decline the application.

“6. That though a Lodge should make the serious mistake of suspending a member for non payment of dues, instead of striking him from the roll, as provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the Chapter has no right to question the legality of the proceeding, and the companion would not be entitled to a demit, until restored by his Lodge or some other proper authority.

“7. That in granting a demit dues should be paid up to the time of application.

“8. A Companion of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, was suspended in the year 1868 for non-payment of \$11.75 dues. In 1871 an amendment was made to the by-laws of said Chapter, requiring suspended companions to pay dues during suspension, This they were authorized to do by Section 31 of the Constitution of this Grand Body. The suspended companion applied for restoration, on payment of the sum due in 1868. The High Priest of the Chapter decided that annual dues should be paid in addition, during the suspension. An appeal was made to me, and I confirmed the action of the High Priest, viz : that the amount due in 1868, and annual dues since the passage of the by-law in 1871 in addition, were required to be paid before restoration.”

We also quote two other paragraphs from this address :—

“There is another subject to which I desire to allude, and that is the manner in which some of the degrees are too often conferred. I mean the adding of treatment not required by the ritual, and repulsive to gentlemen of cultivated tastes, and at times sufficient to cause disgust instead of exalted ideas on the part of the recipients. Its practice is offensive to good manners, and should be at once and forever discontinued.

“The Most Worshipful Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master of Masons of this State, in a period of pressing financial emergency, having called on the Lodges under his jurisdiction to aid the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund by subscription or donation, I cordially, in my official capacity, endorsed the same, and it affords me great pleasure to state that several of our Chapters nobly responded.”

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. Jackson H. Chase, visited and instructed a large number of Chapters. This office appears to be essentially necessary in so large and important a jurisdiction as New York, and the results obtained by the adoption of this system are so favourable that we think it could safely be practised by all. From his report we extract the following :—

“The companions of the several Chapters instructed, have laboured with commendable zeal to obtain a correct knowledge of the Standard Work.

“In some portions of the State the Chapters have done but little work during the past season, owing as it is claimed, to the depression in financial affairs ; while in other localities there has been a large gain over the preceding year.

“There are a few Chapters, I am informed, that do not practice the approved work of this Grand Chapter. This Grand Body has most emphatically declared *what that work is*, and has made it *imperative* that the subordinate Chapters should practice it, under the penalty of forfeiture of warrant.

“The services of the Instructor can be so readily obtained, and at such a trifling expense, that there can be no excuse for this either apparent neglect or wilful violation of the law of this Grand Chapter.

“It has also been reported that some of the Chapters still permit certain practices to be introduced during the conferring of degrees which are not only beneath the dignity of Royal Arch Masons, but seriously detract from the sublime and sacred teachings of Capitular Masonry, and, in many instances, entirely destroy the impression sought to be made on the mind of the novitiate.

“The Grand Chapter has also acted on this subject in a very decided manner ; and a resolution was unanimously adopted some four years since positively *forbidding* such practices, with the same penalty of *forfeiture of warrant* in case of the violation of said resolution. A little reflection on the part of the companions will, I think, serve to correct the evils alluded to, and convince them of the impropriety of such demoralizing practices, as well as of the necessity of obeying the edicts of this Grand Body. Nevertheless, from my somewhat extended experience, I feel safe in saying that

in no other jurisdiction is to be found the uniformity of work that exists among the Chapters comprising this, the largest jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons in the world, and the companions are zealous in preserving and imparting the Standard Work in its purity."

Comp. Lewis, of the committee appointed at the last annual convocation to prepare a compendious narrative of Royal Arch Masonry in this country from its introduction, and especially of the General Grand Chapter and its relations to the several Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the United States, reported progress, and at his request, the committee was continued for another year.

The aged and venerable companion, R. E. John O. Cole, Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter from 1825 to 1866 inclusive, a period of forty-two years, paid a brief visit to the Grand Chapter, and was presented to its members from the Grand Orient by the Grand High Priest.

The following resolutions were adopted ; the second one is on a very important question of inter-jurisdictional law, which it would be well to have settled if the General Grand Chapter possesses the power to settle it :—

“ Resolved, That when a Chapter shall have failed, through unavoidable circumstances, to elect its officers at the annual election as provided by the Constitution, its officers continue to exercise all their duties, powers and prerogatives until their successors be lawfully elected and installed into office.

“ Resolved, That it being the sense of this Grand Chapter that each of its subordinates has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over all the Chapter material for degrees, and that such degrees when conferred upon a candidate either within or without the State, by any Chapter not having such jurisdiction, is an irregularity ; and further believing, that conferring such degrees by a Chapter upon a candidate who has been rejected in another Chapter, without the consent of the Chapter rejecting him, is also an irregularity, respectfully request the General Grand Chapter to adopt regulations upon the subject embracing these principles.

“ Resolved, That the several decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, reported in his annual address, be and the same are hereby approved, provided the several decisions be construed as authorizing the installing officer to refuse to install a companion with the assent of the Chapter to such refusal, after having stated that he has received good and valid reasons therefor in writing. And that the third decision be understood as forfeiting

the rights and privileges of membership in a Chapter only during such suspension.

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter condemns the practice of framing or hanging warrants on the walls of Chapter rooms ”

The following report on grievances presents a most pleasing view of the harmony prevailing in this jurisdiction. It is also most extraordinary, that among so large a number of the erring sons of men, such perfect harmony should prevail. We doubt if it can be paralleled, and it speaks volumes for the beneficent effects of our noble Craft.

“ The undersigned Committee on Grievances have the satisfaction to report that no case has been presented for their consideration. To the mind of your committee it is a most gratifying fact, that in all this great jurisdiction, embracing nearly two hundred subordinate chapters and more than eighteen thousand Royal Arch Masons, no complaint has been made of injustice or of wrong-doing, so as to call for interference, examination or discipline on the part of this Grand Body. No higher evidence could be afforded of the prosperity, the harmony, the wise and just administration of the affairs, and the orderly working within this jurisdiction of the Royal Craft, than the fact that everywhere there is brotherly love, fraternal regard and orderly working, to such an extent that no single complaint was preferred asking for review or relief from this Grand Chapter.”

Comp. D. A. Ogden surpasses his previous effort in the correspondence department. His present report is one of the very best, and at the risk of taking up too much space, we must make a few extracts.

First from his review of Kansas. The Craft in general will thank Comp. Ogden for this able defence of our real position :—

“ The address of M. E. Comp. Hillyer, is a spirited document, with some fine points, some sophistry, some glittering generalities, with quite an effort at independent thinking, yet not quite so manifest a success in the effort. He is not the first Mason who has either mistaken the real genius of Free Masonry, or else has mis-stated its aim, purpose and mission, particularly in trying to lift it up by the side of or above Christianity. It is never safe or wise to belittle the great scheme of salvation through the sacrifice of the God-man. Freethinking may not, and after all always is not, independent thinking. Nothing is gained to Masonry by claiming for it divinity, other than that which pertains to all charitable and benevolent institutions. Christianity stands on a different basis, it claims in its very spirit a Divine, a supernatural power and origin ; its whole theory and its entire super-

structure is based upon more than earthly virtue or charity, viz. : the power to save, to reconcile God to man, and thus to confer not only earthly good but life everlasting as well. How futile then, the comparison of Masonry with its earthly aims, excellent though they be, with the infinitely greater and more important purpose which the Christian religion claims, asserts and substantiates by miracles, by supernatural God-manifested power to save and make blissful hereafter, and throughout all eternity. The denunciations of Free Masonry by Pius 9th, by no means puts it under the ban, nor in antagonism with Christianity. Nor should it incite in the breast of any Mason any feeling other than pity ; certainly not enmity towards the gospel of the Son of God. We may perhaps misjudge our M. E. Companion's animus in his address, but to our mind it looks too much like a misdirected indignation, and like all that has gone before and all that will come after it, will neither elevate Masonry beyond what it is, nor prove Christianity to be what it is not, the off-shoot of ignorance, superstition or bigotry. These vices, for such they are, have done much evil and wrong in the world, have oftentimes wounded Christianity in the house of its friends ; and yet the real gospel such as the angels proclaimed on the plains to the shepherds near the 'City of David,' viz. : 'this day to you a Saviour is born, which is Christ the Lord, peace on earth, good will to man,' is divinely glorious, transcendently lovely ; is in its teachings and its spirit without spot, blemish or sin—thus putting it high above all other religions of ancient or modern peoples. There are over the earth religions many, but all, including the followers of Confucius and of Mahommed, the Brahmins and the Buddhists, are sensual, and of the earth earthy—tolerating and even applauding evil. While the Messiah, Jesus the God-man, was not only without sin himself, but in all his creed and teachings neither admits, tolerates, or excuses sin or wrong-doing ; but came to save his people from their sins, to wash them clean and pure, and thus to invest the mortal with immortality and bring the soul thus made clean into reconciled and everlasting relations and accord with the GREAT I AM. It is idle, and worse than idle, to put this system by the side of any of the other earthly, sensual, to say nothing of the devilish systems of the world. And above all, let no Mason claim for his Order, a religious origin or purpose ; it is nothing of the kind : it is social, benevolent, and in all its ways it deals with earthly relationships, eminently praiseworthy, and full of good works, an active dispenser of good, it nevertheless looks mainly if not entirely to earthly relations—and thus we leave it. We have dwelt perhaps too long on this point ; yet we think we discover in M. E. Comp. Hillyer's address a dangerous tendency, not so meant by him, but liable to be received by others."

The next is on Representatives from his notice of Kentucky :—

"New York is kindly and fraternally noticed, although he tries to make merry over our habit of receiving the representatives of other Grand Chapters. He calls it "the representative farce," "chllds play,"

"comedy," and says New York is not alone in it, but that Kentucky even has done these naughty and ridiculous things. We differ with our good brother reporter. The reception in due form, and with appropriate ceremony, with addresses and replies, is to our mind becoming, interesting and productive of good ; it is no idle ceremony, no "child's play" performance with us, but a *bona fide* transaction, and always one of much interest. But we desire no argument about it ; we stand upon our dignity and say to all, if it does not please you we are sorry, but our regret is for your weakness, and not from any misgivings as to our conduct or its propriety."

Our proceedings for 1873 are very favorably noticed. Comp. Ogden approves of our Grand Superintendents. He then says :—

"Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee, presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and a most excellent report it is. Twenty-nine Grand Bodies are examined and commented upon ; twenty-six of these are American Grand Chapters, and in addition are Scotland, Nova Scotia, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The simple truth is, that Canada belongs to the Great American Confederation of Royal Arch Masonry, and as such must be considered ; her ritual, forms and ceremonies are almost identical with the ritual or work of the States ; and she is part and parcel of the Masonic family of America.

"Comp. Robertson reviews the action of the State Grand Chapters just like a thorough-going *statesman*, as he is masonically, if not politically ; and after quoting with decided approbation the views of Dadmun, of Massachusetts, on the subject of stopping the advancement and progress of candidates by protest, he cheerfully says, as we quote below. These three, Corson Dadmun and Robertson, are a strong team, we grant, yet with all their skill, sophistry and sharp wit, they will find it an up-hill business to pull the wool over all our eyes, and make the "worse appear the better part : " may be they can pull up and remove the oldest of the landmarks, and make everybody think it wisest and best ; but we guess not, and with that we give the cheering words of the Canadian companion to his fellow laborers in the States."

Comp. Ogden believes that their Chapter work is not only better than that of Pennsylvania, but is the best and purest of all. Well, we will have to go over and see it, but until we do, we will have to stick to our own, which we are ready to maintain is the only real Simon Pure on this side of the Atlantic.

These proceedings also contain an eloquent oration, by the Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, on the Temple of Solomon.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The 25th annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, June 3rd, 1873. M. E. Comp. John Nichols, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

We make the subjoined extracts from the address of the G. H. P. They give a good view of the state of the Craft in this jurisdiction. We trust that the dawn of a better day is at hand, and that the waste places will soon be rebuilt, and prosperity once more attend them.

“While the hearts of the Overseers have not been gladdened during the past year by a large amount of work for our temple, we have to congratulate ourselves on the harmony which prevails within our borders.”

“It was my fervent wish that I might be able, at the close of my present and last term of official service, to report an increase of prosperity to capitular masonry in this jurisdiction, but I sincerely regret that the present state of the craft will not justify me in so doing. I recur to History.

“Royal Arch Masonry has had an existence in this State since the year 1788, but not in an organized capacity until the year 1822.

“At the session of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was held in the town of Fayetteville (then the Capital of the State,) in November, 1788, His Excellency Gov. Johnston presiding as Grand Master, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :—

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the several brethren who are Royal Arch Masons, inviting them to attend the Grand Lodge to be held at Tarboro’ on the 24th of June next, for the purpose of receiving such members as may be desirous of being promoted to that degree, if they think proper to receive them.

“A number of Royal Arch Masons attended the Grand Lodge at New Berne in December, 1788, but unfortunately we have no record of their proceedings on that occasion. For three years after its organization our Grand Lodge received petitions and conferred not only the first three degrees, but the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master.

“At the annual communication, held at Fayetteville on the 9th of December, 1790, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :

“*Resolved*, That no brother shall be hereafter Marked, or Passed the Chair, by this Grand Lodge, it being conceived improper and irregular on the part of the Grand Lodge, and detrimental to the interests of the indivi-

dual Lodges ; and that such former proceedings could only be justifiable by the absolute want of brethren qualified to administer the said degrees, which difficulties are now removed.

“ Thus it will be seen that our Grand Lodge only conferred these degrees because there was not a sufficient number of companions at any one point in the State to confer them, and as soon as that difficulty was removed it promptly relinquished all claims to those degrees.

“ We are led to infer from the language of the above resolution, that there was in the State as early as 1790 a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to assume full charge of the Capitular degrees, but we have no record of a regular organization of a Grand Chapter until 1822, as above stated.

“ In the town of Fayetteville, on the 21st of June, 1822, delegates from six Chapters met in Convention and organized a Grand Chapter.

“ That body held its annual Conventions at different points in the State until the year 1827, when, as far as the records inform us, it ceased to exist.

“ Again, on the 28th of June, 1847, in the city of Wilmington, a few companions, faithful in their devotion to the cause, and imbued with a commendable spirit of zeal, met and re-organized the body whose existence has been perpetuated to this day, by a noble few who come up at each annual Convocation with new hopes for a brighter future for Royal Arch Masonry, and to aid in the work of reviving its languishing fortunes. But, notwithstanding the age to which this body has attained, and the efforts of faithful companions, there is no visible mark of prosperity in our jurisdiction. The fires that first set ablaze the spirit of progress give now but a glimmering light. We have not kept pace with the steady, onward march that the Royal Craft has made in other jurisdictions. In fact, companions, I am pained to say, that a comparative estimate of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in America shows that the rate of prosperity in our jurisdiction has not been equal to that of any other.

The highest number given to a Chapter on our register is forty-seven. The number now working is less than twenty. This of itself is a sad commentary on our history.

“ Chapters that once flourished have, in some instances, succumbed to the destructive influences of internal disorder, and surrendered their charters, others went down from causes unknown, while some are still struggling for an existence on account of a seemingly incurable apathy that pervades them.”

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted :—

“ WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of North Carolina did, at the Annual Convocation of that Grand Body, held in 1871, adopt a resolution requiring her subordinate

Lodges, after three months' notice, to expel all non-affiliated Masons within their jurisdictions who should fail for twelve months to connect themselves with some Lodge, and whereas, this Grand Chapter, regarding such a course as highly detrimental to the best interests of both institutions—opposed to the spirit of *Freemasonry*, ever cherished and proclaimed by both as a fundamental and unalterable principle of the Order—and destined to sap, or weaken at least, the very foundation upon which rests the superstructure of R. A. Masonry, did, at her last Grand Annual Convocation, address to the M. W. Grand Lodge, in the most respectful and fraternal manner, an appeal, praying that Grand Body to rescind the said resolution at her next ensuing Annual Communication; and, whereas, the M. W. Grand Lodge at her Annual Communication in December last, refused, by a vote of the said Grand Body, to receive or permit the said appeal to be read or considered. Now, therefore,

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, believing that the impression prevailed to some extent among members of the Grand Lodge who have not read the appeal, as published in the proceedings of this Body, that it was dictatorial in its character as to what laws should be passed by the Grand Lodge, does most emphatically disclaim any intention or right to interfere with the legislation of the Grand Lodge further than by respectful petition. That we regard the two institutions as indissolubly united in interests, and as one, in principle, and in all the great and glorious objects of our respective organizations; that we cherish the *Lodge* as the foundation upon which our institution is based, and have, therefore, provided that none can come to us otherwise than through her portals; that none can remain who have been divested by her of their Masonic rights; that we are all members of her body, and, as such, entitled to be heard in her councils. That believing that the conclusions of *any body of Masons*, after a full discussion and a calm consideration of any matter affecting, as we believe, the vital interests of the Lodge as well as the Chapter, would receive more respectful attention and consideration from the Grand Lodge, and would have more weight in directing the serious attention of that Body to the subject than anything that could be effected by the individual members of the two Bodies, we were induced to prepare and present that appeal to the Grand Lodge.

“ *Resolved further*, That it is not the purpose of this Grand Chapter to inaugurate a controversy with the M. W. Grand Lodge. That we are of one brotherhood, among whom no contention should be tolerated, and that our present purpose is, simply and solely, to explain to our brethren the motives that prompted us to make that appeal to the Grand Lodge, and to express our profound surprise and regret that a body of our own brethren should treat our petition with less consideration than in former days would have been accorded by this same Grand Body to a petition from the humblest individual, or from any respectable body of men, be they Masons or profanes.”

Comp. Thos. B. Carr retired from the office of Grand Secretary after eighteen years service, and received a cordial vote of thanks from the Grand Chapter.

The report on correspondence is by Comps. Thos. M. Gardner, and Horace H. Munson, and is very well written. In noticing Alabama, they say :—

“ We have our own opinion on this substitute question. We don't believe in them. Some ignorant persons might think some substitutes better than the originals. We thought so too, once, but the Confederate Government rudely dispelled that idea. It is a little curious though that while the use of two is wrong, one is allowable.”

Canada for 1872 is kindly noticed.

From their notice of Michigan :—

“ He quotes from Comp. Henderson's comments on the address of the G. H. Priest of Virginia, in reference to the new Grand Chapter of West Virginia, as follows :

“ Comp. Little calls the New Chapter ‘ our young brother,’ and Oregon thinks on that account it must be of the ‘ Masculine persuasion.’ We suppose so too. How can anything feminine attach to Masonry ? Why do we speak of ‘ Sister Chapters ?’ There isn't a sister in them.

“ There isn't, eh ? What then becomes of Mrs. Sippi Louisa Anna, Miss Souri, Minne Sota, Mary Land, and other females which have been Masonically acknowledged lo ! these many years ? To our mind it was eminently proper for Virginia to be acknowledged as a sister. We never knew a member of the male persuasion so named in our life.”

And their conclusion is capital :—

“ And now, Companions, our labors are ended. If they meet not your expectations, remember their preparation has been under many difficulties, taken not from the time of refreshment and sleep, but rather from that belonging to our daily pursuits—to you, certainly, we need offer no apology for their imperfections. To those of our confreres who are kindly disposed, and ‘ know how it is themselves,’ we expect ‘ that charity that worketh no ill ;’ but to those reporters who wilfully wait with hungry eyes to tear our pet limb from limb, we say do your worst, this is your first and only chance, for we never expect to appear before you in this capacity again.”

Both the authors of this Report are well appreciated by their Grand Chapter. They were rewarded by their election to the two

most important offices. M. E. Comp. H. H. Munson was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. T. M. Gardner, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A Special Convocation was held on the 27th of December, 1872, to consider notices of motion to amend the Constitution. Among those carried we find one saying that "no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall for the future be named after any living person."

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Halifax on the 3rd of June, 1873. M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports Capitular Masonry steadily progressing in that Province, and that their relations with the Grand Chapter of England, and all the Grand Chapters on this continent, continue to be of the most friendly character. On their relations with Scotland, his address has the following:—

"A printed circular has been received from the Supreme Committee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, declining to recognize this Grand Chapter, setting forth as their principal reasons, the following:

"To recognize as a Grand Chapter a Body having fewer admissions during the year, and less funds at its credit, than each of several Subordinate Chapters holding of the Supreme Chapter, which could be named, appears to your Committee to be making a burlesque of Grand Chapters, and has a manifest tendency to lower the dignity and impair the efficiency of Grand Chapters in general."

"In Nova Scotia it has been long understood that Royal Arch Masonry in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, meant fees and dues to the Grand Scribe E., and this last proof of *money considerations*, is sufficiently conclusive that these views are not incorrectly formed. Money, I admit, is a very useful commodity, but I was not before aware that the possession of any particular sum was a pre-requisite to a successful formation of a Grand Chapter; will Comp. Hay and Comp. Mackersey, the signers of this circular, inform us of the exact amount in bank notes, gold and silver, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland possessed at its formation? did it much exceed £30, 1s. 11d.? I doubt it.

"Some of the Grand Chapters on this continent, with small funds, without any funds, and some in debt, had better be a little less lavish in their

expenditure, or the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland may visit them with its displeasure, for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is not the only Grand Chapter whose funds are less than some of the Subordinate Scottish Chapters; in this jurisdiction there are two Chapters who possess conjointly in funds and property some \$2,500, over £500 Sterling, and I believe there are not more than ten Grand Chapters on this continent, if as many, that have even this comparatively small amount to their credit.

“Touching the number admittèd during the year 1870-71, I find in proportion to the number of Chapters we stand very favorably. Let me call your attention to the statistics of M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1872, where the following Grand Chapters show less additions than ours :

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| Delaware, | No. of Chapt. | 4 | Exaltations | 25. |
| North Carolina, | “ | 15 | “ | 13. |
| Oregon, | “ | 5 | “ | 5. |
| Virginia, | “ | 43 | “ | 15. |
| Nova Scotia, | “ | 3 | “ | 30. |

“Numbers are not at all times an evidence of prosperity. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, however, may be fully convinced of one wholesome fact, that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is a firm organization, and that it has placed Capitular Masonry in this Province in that prosperous condition, that otherwise it would never have occupied. We can wait for the recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; if it comes, well and good, we shall rejoice; if not, we can do without it.

“The Committee of General Purposes have considered the action of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and have concluded it expedient for the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia, that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be put into force. They have, therefore, with my full concurrence, declared and proclaimed, not however without great regret, the Union Chapter, No. 108, held in Yarmouth, and the St. John's Chapter, 130, held in Pictou, and both holding under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, *irregular*, and have forbidden the Subordinate Chapters under the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, ‘holding any intercourse as Royal Arch Masons with said irregular Chapters, until such time as this edict is revoked.’ A printed circular has been forwarded to every Grand Chapter of their action in the premises.

“As the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland have deemed it ‘inexpedient to give any countenance to our Body,’ I consider that until such action is revoked by them, no consideration should be given by us, or by our subordinates, to any Companion Royal Arch Mason hailing from the said Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.”

He appointed a large number of Representatives. We agree with this decision :—

“ I decided, in a case submitted to me by the High Priest of Royal Union Chapter, No. 1 : ‘ that a Companion, a member of a Chapter, and in good standing, has a right to exercise in this jurisdiction, all the privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, although not an affiliated member of a Master Mason’s Lodge.’ In England, the Royal Arch degree, which is the only one conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is so closely connected with Symbolic Lodges that their Constitution requires every member of a Chapter to be a subscribing member to some Master Mason’s Lodge. but on this continent all Grand and Subordinate Chapters are separate and distinct Bodies from Grand and Subordinate Lodges. I therefore fail to see the justice or necessity which deprives a good and faithful member of a Chapter of the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, because from some cause, of which he is the best judge, he may see fit to withdraw from his Symbolic Lodge.”

R. E. Comp. Arthur Fletcher presented his credentials as our Representative, and was heartily welcomed.

The Grand Secretary reports, that during the past year he has discovered some old Minute Books, containing the transactions of a Royal Arch Chapter as far back as from the year 1782. Part of these Minute Books are published, with the proceedings. We copy the Minutes of one meeting :—

“Halifax, 20th September, 5782.

“At a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under Warrant No. 211, on the Ancient Grand Registry of England, at the Golden Ball,

PRESENT :

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| “The Rt. Worshipful Br. Kirkham, H. P. | |
| “ | John Woodin, 1st K. |
| “ | Ephm. Whiston, 2d K. |
| “ | John Cody, S. |
| | John Willis. |

“Applications having been made by Brothers John George Pyke, John Clark and Joseph Peters, Past Masters of Regular Lodges of Free and Accepted Ancient York Mssons, for further Light and knowledge in the Secret and hidden Mysteries of Free Masonry ; and they on Strict trial and due examination, being found Worthy, were by us Installed and Instituted into the Sublime Secrets of Royal Arch Masonry. After which,

“An Assembly or Encampment of Sir Knight Templars being formed. the said Brothers J. G. Pyke, John Clark and Joseph Peters, were Instituted and Dubbed Knights of the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Order of Sir Knight Templars.

“And the Lodge was Closed in Peace and Harmony”

Comp. James Gossip has a readable Report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1872 appear.

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

OHIO.

The 56th Annual Convocation was held at Columbus, Oct. 1st, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a brief address. He mentions, with satisfaction, the completion of a reprint of their proceedings from their organization.

The G. H. P. presented credentials of Comp. Charles A. Woodward, as representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Comp. Woodward was introduced and duly recognized as such representative.

West Virginia was recognized.

Comp. J. Kelly O'Neill thus kindly opens his review of our proceedings for 1871 :—

“ From over the border we have the welcome proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, foreign in jurisdiction, Masonic, as well as civil. But while we believe in Masonry as the universal brotherhood, that “unites men of every country, sect and opinion;” and their altars and ours are erected to the same Supreme Grand High Priest, we greet them as Companions, and rejoice in their prosperity, no less than in the prosperity of those whose jurisdiction extends not beyond the territory protected by the ensigns of our Republic.”

And he thus comments on our remarks in that year, on the subject of dues :

“ We claim no love for dues, considered simply as such, and are unable to find in them any natural and inherent beauty to recommend them to favor, but to successfully carry on our institution, and contribute, as circumstances may require, to the ‘relief of a worthy, distressed brother, his widow and orphans,’ means must be provided, and probably no system is less objectionable than that of annual payments. The amount required is too small to be oppressive to any one not himself an object of charity, and partakes no more of the element of unfairness or inequality than any other system that requires equal amounts from those possessing unequal means. And if any worthy brother, ‘who has borne the burthen and heat of the

day,' should, when oppressed by age or misfortune, be driven to non-affiliation or be suspended for non-payment of the contribution which he is more worthy to receive than able to make, it is the fault, not of the system, but of the subordinate that exacts the penalty. To so increase the fees for the degrees and membership as to endow our institution and render contributions or dues unnecessary, would exclude many very worthy persons, and make Masonry an aristocracy of wealth rather than of worth. And it may well be doubted whether we would continue to feel an interest in an institution that demanded of us no sacrifice, and was in no way dependent upon us for support and success. And as all the virtues require cultivation, certainly the charitable feelings of our members would not be improved by withdrawing the necessity for their frequent exercise."

M. E. Comp. J. Kelly O'Neill was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt re-elected Grand Secretary.

1873.

The 57th Annual Convocation was held at Toledo, Sept. 2nd, 1873. Officers as above.

The address of the G. H. P. is a practical business paper, with several useful recommendations. We make one extract:—

"The history of Royal Arch Masonry in Ohio during the past year has been crowned with peace, and our Chapters have enjoyed the results of peaceful labor—prosperity. The courts of our tabernacles may not have been thronged with applicants for admission as during a few of the years preceding, but the returns will show that the additions to our numbers indicate, if not a rapid, a steady and vigorous growth, assuring the perpetuity of our institution, and giving renewed promise of moral and intellectual excellence.

"No applications have been made to me for dispensations for the institution of new Chapters. This does not indicate a diminished interest in Capitular Masonry, but rather that the subordinates now in existence are sufficient to accommodate the Master Masons seeking advancement; and that, with comparatively rare exceptions, the additions to the numbers of our subordinates will in the future be such only as the increasing population and wealth of the State may demand. And the material growth of the State, rapid as it has been, and for many years must continue to be, with the accommodation of the few localities now inadequately provided for, will, probably for years to come, limit the additions to our numbers."

The following report of the committee on jurisprudence, which was adopted, contains an interesting point:—

“ The question of the territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters, so clearly stated in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, is the first in the order of reference, and also first in importance, among the subject matters referred. The question arises on the complaint of Hamilton Chapter, No. 21, located at Hamilton, Butler county, against Kilwinning Chapter, No. 97, located in the city of Cincinnati, for conferring the degrees of the Chapter on certain Master Masons, whose residence, at the time said degrees were conferred upon them by the said Kilwinning Chapter, was, as it is claimed by the said Hamilton Chapter, within the territorial jurisdiction of said Hamilton Chapter. Kilwinning Chapter, by its statement of the case, admits that at the time said Chapter was constituted said applicants for the Chapter degrees did not reside within the territorial jurisdiction of said Kilwinning Chapter, but did reside in the jurisdiction of said Hamilton Chapter, and claims that they became residents within the jurisdiction of said Kilwinning Chapter before their petitions were received, by the extension of the corporate limits of said city of Cincinnati. If the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter on this subject contained a provision that, in determining the territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters, the jurisdiction of each Chapter should extend to a line equi-distant between the boundary lines of the municipal corporations in which such Chapters are located, the claim of Kilwinning Chapter might be sustained ; but as the said rules and regulations provide “ that applications for the Chapter degrees *must* be made, by petition, to the Chapter nearest the place where the candidate resides,” your committee are unanimously of opinion that the claim of Kilwinning Chapter cannot be sustained. As it is not claimed by Kilwinning Chapter that it acted in the premises with the consent of Hamilton Chapter, it is not deemed necessary to refer to the exceptions contained in the rule above quoted ; but believing that Kilwinning Chapter, in receiving said petitions and conferring said degrees, acted under an honest conviction that its territorial jurisdiction had been extended by the extension of the corporate limits of said city, so as to include the places of residence of said applicants, your committee are also unanimously of the opinion that said Kilwinning Chapter is not liable to any penalty for the violation of the jurisdiction of said Hamilton Chapter other than the payment to said Hamilton Chapter of the sums charged by said Kilwinning Chapter for degrees conferred by it on said applicants.”

We think the following rule, adopted by Grand Chapter, a very good one :—

“ **RULE XLVI.** Subordinate Chapters may, by a by-law adopted for that purpose, fix a sum, not less in amount than fifteen dollars, to be paid to the Secretary by the members of such Chapter, in lieu of the annual dues now provided for ; and upon the payment of the sum fixed by such by-law by any member of a Chapter adopting the same, such member shall

forever thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues to such Chapter."

Suitable resolutions were passed on the death of William B. Thrall, P. G. H. P., and Past Grand Master, &c., who had been 53 years in active Masonic service.

Comp. S. M. Sullivan has a brief report on correspondence, in which we find Canada for 1872.

We would like to explain to Comp. Nesbitt, (so that he may get his tables right), that Thomas B. Harris of Hamilton, is our Grand Secretary, (or Grand Scribe E., as we call it), and he has filled that office ever since our formation.

The G. H. P. and Grand Sec'y were re-elected.

OREGON.

Thirteenth annual Convocation, held at Portland, June 6th, 1873. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. says the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction is in a good, healthy condition, "with nothing to mar its peaceful walks to future prosperity." He thus discourses on the benefits of the reports on correspondence :—

"Our Chairman on Foreign Correspondence compares well with those of other jurisdictions whose numbers are far in our advance. And I would say that the expense of publishing is nothing in comparison to the benefits derived from a full review by our Committee of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions where we find differences of opinion given and questions settled that would not be done in any other way than by a good natured criticism, and in a friendly manner. And I therefore commend our Chairman for his zeal in reviewing, at length, our Sister Grand Bodies, and hope that the new Chairman, whoever he may be, will not neglect a full report at our next Grand Convocation."

Comp. T. McF. Patton well deserves all the praise that can be bestowed on him. His report is very interesting. In his notice of Canada for 1872 he hints at a visit to us, to see how we do things in the Dominion. We will be exceedingly pleased to see Comp. Patton, and promise him a hearty welcome.

The business transacted was of no general interest.

M. E. Comp. J. R. Bayley was again (for the fifth time) re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

* At the Quarterly Meeting, held on February 6th, 1873, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

A Special Meeting was held on the 29th of September, 1873, to dedicate that portion of the new Masonic Temple appropriated to Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony took place with the usual impressive ceremonies.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thompson, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. made a large number of official visitations. Of the \$1,500 appropriated for his expenses, he expended \$1,398. In his visits he adopted an excellent rule, and positively prohibited the expenditure of any part of the Chapter funds, for the entertainment of the Grand Officers, for this reason :

“ The object of these visitations being to have a knowledge of the working of the Chapters in the ritual and observance of the law, to inspect the minutes, to offer words of counsel and advice, and censure when required.”

One of the Chapters visited was censured.

“ This Chapter had never been visited by a Grand Officer, and, as a matter of course, the affairs had not been transacted in a satisfactory manner.

“ Among irregularities of constant practice were :—

“ The conferring of the degrees, and then trusting the candidate for the amount of the fee. The degrees were conferred forthwith on presentation of petition, contrary to the Constitution. For many years, by resolution, the dues of all the members were remitted.

“ I decided that, as the By-Laws of the Chapter fix the amount of annual dues, the Chapter could not, by one resolution, remit the dues of all the members. They could, in exceptional cases, remit the dues

of a Companion, as a case of charity, and then only on motion duly made and seconded, and adopted by a majority vote, but not otherwise. The action of the Chapter in the case was declared illegal and unmasonic : the Secretary was directed to make out the bills for all dues thus illegally remitted, and, in case of failure of payment, discipline those in arrears. The only means of sustaining the life of a Chapter is by the fees received from candidates, and dues received from members—the latter furnishing the means of existence ; and a Chapter has no right to violate its By-Laws fixing a certain amount as annual dues.”

And another was thus dealt with :

“ On February 4 I was called upon to perform one of the most unpleasant official acts that it has been my duty to do ; and I trust my successors may not have occasion thus to exercise the authority of the Grand Chapter. For many unmasonic acts, the falsification of the records, sitting with suspended Masons, and being presided over by a Companion who was not a member, I was forced to sequester the warrant of Catawissa Chapter, No. 178. The Grand Chapter was pleased to sustain this action, and suspended the warrant. This prompt action will prove salutary, however harsh it may appear to the innocent though unfortunate members who were suspended.

“ The justice of the action of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter, and its authority having been recognized, the warrant was, on petition, and by vote of the Grand Chapter, restored to a few of the most active, law-abiding members ; and on June 25, 1873, accompanied by the Grand Scribe, Companion Andrew Robeno, Jr., and Deputy Grand Secretary Companion J. Alexander Simpson, assisted by District Deputy Grand High Priests Companion C. F. Knapp and Snyder, and a number of Companions, I reorganized Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, and installed the officers selected by the members applying for the restoration. The Chapter is now working prosperously ; but I would recommend to the earnest consideration of the members, that they carefully put aside all personal animosities, and act out what they profess to be—Royal Arch Masons in word and deed.”

We also quote the following :—

“ The first Grand Chapter of Instruction proving such a success, on March 6 I held a second, at which the attendance was fully as large as at the first. We were pleased to receive and welcome Companion Henry Murray, Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in China, under the English Constitution. After the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree, Companion Murray explained the workings of the English Royal Arch, in a manner interesting to the Grand Chapter, and which showed him to be master of the work.”

And some of his decisions :—

“ That a Chapter under this jurisdiction cannot grant permission to a Chapter in another jurisdiction to receive a petition from a resident of this jurisdiction.

“ That members of a Chapter in this jurisdiction who are officers of a Chapter under dispensation in another jurisdiction, must sever their connection with one or the other.

“ That a Companion receiving the degrees under an assumed name in another jurisdiction, and desires to affiliate with a Chapter in this jurisdiction, under his proper name, must produce proper evidence of his being known under both names, and must receive the endorsement on his demit that he is the person known there as A B, although known here as C D.

“ That it was not in my power to permit the parade or display in public, in regalia, of a Chapter at a funeral.

“ That a Chapter cannot appear as such outside of the Chapter hall.

“ That a Chapter cannot pass a regulation to charge all the members the same amount of dues, irrespective of the length of time of their membership.”

From Companion William J. Hughan, their Representative near Grand Mark Lodge of England, he received the following letter :—

“ TRURO, ENGLAND.

“ *To the Most Excellent the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania:—*

“ I have to report continued prosperity in our *Mark Grand Lodge* of England, and that the recognition by the Grand Chapter of Scotland of our legal existence is only a question of time, as both bodies may now be said to be on the most friendly terms.

“ The Lodges under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, warranted to work the *Mark degree in England*, have generally *joined the Mark Grand Lodge*, and all is now tending to a settlement of the question.

“ Pennsylvania was the first authority abroad to recognize the event in prospective, and may it never have cause to regret its action. May Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth prevail within its jurisdiction and ours, and everywhere that Masonry is known.

“ WILLIAM J. HUGHAN, *Representative.*”

The newly elected G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Andrew Robeno, Jr., also delivered an excellent address, on his installation, in which he says :—

“ Justly regarded as the oldest of Grand Chapters, so is our status in every other respect second to none among our sister grand bodies.

“ This proud and prominent position has been fairly, justly and

honorably attained by a wise, prudent, judicious and always conservative course, that has ever been the distinguishing characteristic of her acts.

“ I would refer you, my Companions, to the almost criminal neglect of the ballot. This grand old landmark seems to be getting, at least in some of our Chapters, almost obsolete. If we are to take the number of our Companions who participate in this duty as a criteria, it is, indeed, fast fading away.

“ I have been in not a few Chapters where seventy-five to a hundred members have quietly sat. While out of all those numbers, not more than four or five Companions manifested the least inclination to vote or deposit a ballot.

“ Such a fearful, I may say, monstrous state of apathy, and entire indifference by so many of our members to such a high Masonic duty, is indeed great cause for alarm. For such neglect and supineness must necessarily make the avenues to our Tabernacles an indiscriminate highway to all who would choose to take advantage of such indifference.

“ When we for a moment consider, that the Masonic ballot is the fountain and channel through which all of good and pure, or of bad and evil, flow to us, how terrible the guilt, and fearful the responsibility resting upon those who habitually neglect and treat with indifference this high Masonic duty.

“ I charge you, my Companions—I charge you, Most Excellent High Priest, to see to it, that your robes of office are clear of this great offence. By insisting on a general vote of the members of your Chapter on every applicant who comes before it, and not suffer the duty of a membership of two or three hundred to be performed by one or two Companions.

“ The abuse of the ballot in my estimation, Companions, is not to be feared by us just now, so much as this wholesale neglect by our members.”

Comp. William J. Kelly is the author of an excellent report on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1872 are well noticed, but the printer has sadly mixed the names of our officers. In his review of California we find some remarks on the General Grand Chapter, and on the appointment of Representatives, which are worthy of preservation :—

“ We do not think it politic for grand jurisdictions to surrender even a tittle of their supremacy. We know it is urged by many who are in the General Grand Chapter, that it tends to uniformity of work, &c. : but the testimony of some jurisdictions who are fully represented in their council, show to our mind a different result. First, they do not seem to pass positive laws ; so that in many cases we find the excuse made, that the law was only advisory, not mandatory, &c. ; beside, if

our mutual obligations will not keep us in the traces, and our duty as Royal Arch Masons make us try and do right, we need not hope for redress, either from the General Grand Chapter or any other body.

“ We again repeat, however, that from our knowledge of many of the members of that body, it is too respectable to be sneered at ; and, indeed, we individually are quite satisfied that nothing but good intentions actuate them, but we do not wish to join.

After quoting thus, from Comp. Wiggin :—

“ And again he walks into the Representative system rough shod. He evidently has very little respect for the high dignity and importance of a Grand Representative under the present system. He believes in putting them to practical use, and the idea is not a bad one. Suppose the writer should visit Tennessee on business or pleasure, he would naturally seek the acquaintance of companions or brothers in whom he could have confidence to aid him in his views. Being unknown to all in these days of imposition and rascality, a letter from the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee to any officer of that Grand Body might be of the greatest convenience and service. We believe the representative system is calculated to bring about a close, fraternal relation between the several Grand Bodies, and we hope it will have a fair trial, but we hope the suggestion of Companion Wheeler may find favor, and that the system may at once be made of some practical utility.

He says :—

“ ‘ It may not be inappropriate here to make some remarks on the system of Grand Representation. The system as now conducted appears to be simply a social exchange of empty honours ; an interchange of civilities between Grand Bodies that prescribes no duties, nor grants no powers ; dummies marked with the names of the various Grand Jurisdictions that have appointed them. Could not the system be used for some good and practical purpose ? Could not these Representatives be required to make themselves familiar with the history, rules, regulations and ritual of the Grand Jurisdiction they represent, and give us yearly a synopsis of the same in so far as they differed from our own ? Could they not be made as ministers in charge of foreign affairs, and give passports as it were to Companions that come from other jurisdictions to visit us, more especially if asking charities or privileges ? Could they not be used as a means of better safeguard to our Order, and of improving our intellectual and Masonic standing ? As now I submit to you the question, are they of any benefit to the Craft ? ’ ”

He says :—

“ We look upon the above as the best reason for representation we have seen yet. Last year we wrote against the system very decidedly. Fortunately most of it was cut out, and we are glad of it, for we candidly confess we are converted. and feel grateful to Companion Wigan for the reasoning which has wrought our conversion. Show us a good use for any office, and we will defend it ; but in these days of excessive

vanity, we look with suspicion upon all new-fangled inventions until, as in the above case, we are shown some usefulness in them."

M. E. Comp. Andrew Robern, Jr., was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 10th, 1874.

This Grand Chapter has been exceedingly unfortunate during the past year, having lost by death three of their most active and prominent Companions. R. E. Comp. Ebenezer Thayer, for many years Grand Secretary, died on the 23rd Oct., 1873. M. E. Comp. James Binnie, Grand High Priest, died Nov. 12th, 1873, during his year of office. M. E. Comp. R. S. Bruns, P. G. H. P., died Feb. 14th, 1874. It is seldom that we are called upon to record the decease of three so eminent Masons in the same jurisdiction within so short a time. All three were widely known throughout the Craft, and were deservedly esteemed for their faithful services and their many excellencies of character. We tender to our Companions in South Carolina our sincere sympathies with them in the losses they have sustained.

This Convocation was presided over by R. E. Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, Deputy G. H. P., with R. E. Comp. M. B. Moses, as Grand Secretary.

From the report of the Finance Committee, we learn that the increase in the amount of Grand Chapter dues, ordered at the last meeting, has relieved Grand Chapter from its debts, and left a surplus in hand.

Canada for 1873 appears in the correspondence report.

M. E. Comp. Augustine T. Smythe was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Myer B. Moses was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESEE.

The annual Convocation was held at Nashville, Nov. 5th, 1873. R. E. Comp. J. M. Anderson, Deputy G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. was absent, but sent his address, which was read by the Grand Secretary. He reports peace and harmony.

A regulation was adopted, that members of a Chapter U. D. do not lose membership in their other Chapters, but on the new Chapter receiving a warrant, they shall elect to which Chapter they will continue to belong.

We sadly miss the valuable reports on correspondence which were formerly furnished by Comp. Geo. S. Blackie. He has removed to new York, and Tennessee has lost an able Craftsman. Comp. Frizzell acknowledges the receipt of our proceedings for 1872.

M. E. Comp. Joseph M. Anderson was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Twenty-fourth annual Convocation held at Houston, June 4th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Norton Moses, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. issued dispensations for five new Chapters during the year. We find among his decisions one with which we do not agree. It is as follows :—

“ The High Priest of a Chapter extended an invitation to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing in any regular Chapter in this jurisdiction, to vote on an application for the degrees. Several visiting Companions accepted the invitation, and voted. A Companion present thought it was wrong, and asks, was the H. P. right in his ruling ?

Answer : In the absence of the ruling of our Grand Chapter, I would follow that of our Grand Lodge in similar cases. I decided he was right.”

We think that only the Members of a Chapter have the right to vote on any matter coming before them in the Chapter.

The Deputy G. H. P. also presents a report from which we find that he has the power to grant dispensations for new Chapters, as well as the G. H. P. The Deputy issued five such during the year. We approve of the following :—

"Some time in January I received a communication from Comps. R. H. Cooper and E. B. Thompson, 'members of Hallville Chapter, U. D.,' stating that the Chapter room at Hallville had been occupied, on Thursday night, January 2nd, as a public ball-room, and believing it to be contrary to the spirit and principles of Masonry, desire an expression of the opinion of this Grand Chapter thereon. I herewith submit the substance of my opinion, as given in answer to said communication :

"While there has been no positive legislation, upon the part of the Grand Chapter, as to what discretionary power a Subordinate Chapter should exercise, in appropriating their Chapter rooms for purposes other than the one for which they were built and intended, yet there is a moral and fundamental principle, in the solemn and sublime teachings of Masonry that should admonish every well informed and proper thinking Mason, that the use of a Chapter room, for the purpose specified in said communication, is improper, and should not be practiced. It is certainly a very great perversion of the real object for which they were erected and solemnly dedicated, and greatly tends to compromise and bring into disrepute the teachings of the Institution, the sacred tenets of which should be strictly guarded by its devotees."

The following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved, That the system of representation is fully endorsed by this Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest is hereby authorized to appoint representatives to such Grand Chapters as he may deem proper

Resolved, That the Grand Visitor shall notify the High Priest of each Chapter within his jurisdiction at least one month prior to the time of his intended visit."

Our proceedings for 1872 are favorably noticed in the report on correspondence, by Comp. Robert M. Elgin.

M. E. Comp. H. J. McBride was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robt. Brewster, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

1874.

Twenty-fifth annual Convocation held at Houston, June 3rd, 1874. M. E. Comp. H. J. McBride, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robt. Brewster, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a good address. From his decisions we take the following :—

“*Answer:* I know of no law or regulation of this Grand Chapter, denying the right of a Subordinate Chapter to open, for the purpose of work, in the respective degrees of the Royal Craft, with a requisite number, partly composed of visiting Companions. In balloting, upon applications for degrees or membership, an election cannot be declared, unless there be nine ballots cast. In balloting upon applications for membership, none are entitled to cast a ballot, except members of the Chapter to which the application is made. Hence, in such cases, before a ballot can be taken on such applications, or for the transaction of its ordinary business, there must be, at least, nine Royal Arch Masons present, who are members of the Chapter, in which the ballot is to be taken.

VII. J. D. W. having been duly and constitutionally elected to receive the Royal Arch and appendant degrees, a time was designated for conferring the same. At the appointed time, the Chapter was duly opened, and proceeded to labor. It was discovered, while conferring the P. M. D., that the Charter was not present, the H. P. having inadvertently failed to bring it with him to the Chapter. he having charge of it, and for greater security probably, having it at his residence, a short distance off, and locked up in his trunk. The conferring of the degree was nevertheless completed in the absence of the Charter.

“ Was the work, under the circumstances above stated, legal ?

Answer: The question is one about which there may, and doubtless will be, a diversity of opinion. It will readily occur, however, to any well informed R. A. Mason, that it would be difficult to intelligently confer the degrees in question, without the presence of the Charter. When conferring the degrees, and it was discovered that the Charter was not present, the work should have been temporarily suspended, until the Charter was brought into the Chapter.

“ But the Charter was in the charge of the High Priest, its proper custodian, and purely through oversight or inadvertence, it was not present while he was conferring the degrees.

“ It is certainly very important, for the sake of harmony, and the general good of the Royal Craft, that the Charter, and all the other essential requisites of the Chapter, should be present and in their proper places on such occasions ; and carelessness in reference to this matter, on the part of presiding officers of Chapters, cannot be too severely rebuked ; yet the case, under consideration, presents the extenuating feature, that the High Priest of the Chapter had *personal* charge of the Charter ; was present, presided at the Convocation of the Chapter, and conferred the degrees, and had not wilfully, but accidentally, failed to have the Charter in the personal presence of the Companions while conferring the degrees. The laxity on the part of the presiding officers of Chapters in those particulars, ought not,

and I am sure will not, meet with favor or encouragement from this Grand Chapter. There can be no Chapter unless the Charter is present."

It was resolved :—

"That upon the reinstatement of a suspended Royal Arch Mason, the Chapter reinstating him shall be required to pay to the Grand Chapter the regular dues accrued during his suspension."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report, which was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Comp. J. T. Norris against Brenham Chapter, have had the same under consideration, and report as follows :—

"Brenham Chapter notified its members that were two years in arrears for dues, that unless paid in sixty days, they would be suspended at the end of that period. Many failed to respond, when action was taken, and two were suspended, and the Chapter refused to suspend seven others. It was afterwards resolved, that the dues of all Companions, whether suspended or not, be remitted up to January 1, 1872, if they were in good standing, provided they settle before the stated Convocation in March.

"From this action Companion Norris appeals. The matter of the remission of dues is a matter that comes before our Grand Bodies at every meeting, and it is a matter of discretion whether we remit them or not.

"It is in the power of a Chapter to remit all its dues if they are able and see proper to do so. It may be very bad policy, but of the right we have no doubt. We therefore offer the following resolution :—

"*Resolved*, That the appeal of Comp. J. T. Norris, of Brenham Chapter, be dismissed."

The following, from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, contains a novelty :—

"Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 57.—The name of R. C. Forbes does not appear in the printed returns of last year. The Chapter, however, suspended him for the non-payment of dues, without showing how they became possessed of him. This suspension, with that of nine others, was done by the Chapter on the 27th day of December, 1873—improper work for the occasion—it being unlawful to fill the Tabernacle 'with money changers' on a day so sacred to Masons. The returns are correct in other respects."

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized.

A number of Representatives were appointed to other Grand Chapters, among whom we are glad to notice R. E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, of Montreal, to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Memorial pages are set apart for Wm. T. Austin, P. G. H. P., and Thos. Whitehead, P. G. K. Comp. Austin was well known among the Craft outside of his own jurisdiction, and his loss will be sincerely regretted.

The report on correspondence is again by Comp. Robt. M. Elgin, who is proving himself a valuable addition to the ranks of the Reporters. His extracts are carefully made, and his comments are in general very judicious. Our proceedings were not received, but as the Grand Chapter of Texas is now permanently located at Houston, Comp. Elgin hopes to receive all proceedings regularly in the future.

M. E. Comp. W. K. McAlpin was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robt. Brewster re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 11th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Robert E. Withers, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. congratulates the Companions upon the peaceful and harmonious condition of the jurisdiction. He has had few questions for adjudication, and no appeals or grievances. We extract the following from his address :—

“ I am pleased to inform the Grand Chapter that all complications growing out of the relations of Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter, No. 34, to the Grand Chapter of Virginia and West Virginia, have been happily removed. I was officially informed in August last, that said Chapter had been received into the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, thus relieving us of all apprehension of any possible difficulty or complication with our sister Grand Chapter—another example of the wisdom of that moderation in council, and fraternity of feeling, which has uniformly marked the action of each Grand Chapter in connection with this delicate subject.

“ Only one case has been submitted for decision of sufficient importance to require notice at your hands : A Brother was regularly elected to receive

the Royal Arch Degree, in the year 1861, and actually received the Degrees of Mark and Past Master—the war coming on, prevented the Convocations of the Chapter for some years, but recently the Brother has made application for the remaining Degrees :—*Query*:

“ 1st. Can the Degrees be conferred by virtue of his previous election ? Or

“ 2nd. Should application be made as if he had never before petitioned ?

“ **HELD**—that the first election was valid—that he should petition for the remaining Degrees only, and that the Chapter should decide whether the applicant should be submitted to the ordeal of a ballot, in consequence of the length of time which had elapsed.”

The report on Correspondence is by Comp, Wm. B. Isaacs, the Deputy Grand Secretary, It is brief, but good. We copy his introduction :—

“ Heretofore we have endeavored to anticipate the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, that our views and sentiments might go forth having the sanction of that Grand Body, but the various and manifold changes and chances of this mortal life, have given us so many hatchets to sharpen, that we have had no time to grind axes for the Grand Chapter, nor any body else. The printer’s devil is after us now with his forked stick, and as he invariably imparts his kindly disposition to anything and everything which he touches, this introduction to our discourse is necessary, to relieve the Grand Chapter of any heresies we may promulgate, and to say, that notwithstanding the ‘good we would do we cannot, and the evil we would not do that we do,’ we ‘assume the responsibilities.’ We are getting tired of the regular alphabetical arrangement of the reports. Just here we would say to our co-laborers, that we, like the rest of you, on taking up a proceeding turn to see what you say about us first, instead of doing as we ought to do, read the pamphlet through very carefully before getting undeservedly riled over the left, or deservedly puffed up over the right-handed compliments that are paid us, and occasionally discover, to our mortification, the evident want of a realization on the part of some that the writer may possibly have something else to do than to cull the pretty sayings with which their reports abound. Let us try the new arrangement, and take them haphazard.”

Canada for 1873 receives favourable mention. Comp. Isaacs approves of our system of Grand Superintendents.

Memorial page to Levi L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. B. M. Harris was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Twenty-fourth annual Convocation held at Milwaukee, Feb'y 17th, 1874. M. E. Comp. C. F. G. Collins, G. H. P., and R. E. Gomp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the G. H. P. we make the subjoined extract :—

“ In the matter of official decisions, I have to report a condition of things almost millennial, not having been called upon for one during the year, unless the matter of approval of a code of by-laws, which I will refer to hereafter, should be so considered.

“ I deem this the best possible evidence of the perfect adaptation of our Constitution to our wants, and a deserved compliment to the officers of our Subordinate Chapters.

“ I received a few weeks since a code of by-laws, adopted by one of the oldest and best Chapters in the State, with a request that I approve and return it for publication. Knowing no rule or precedent for such action, I declined so to do, and requested that I might hold the code for approval by this Grand Chapter, that after proper action it might serve as a ‘ model code,’ and so give Subordinates a substantial ground-work to build upon.

“ The code was a most excellent one in the main, but contained the following very singular provision,—all the more singular from the fact that it was in *print*, having been transplanted from a code in force in another jurisdiction.

“ ‘ In the absence of the High Priest, the King shall preside, and in his absence the Scribe, and in case *all* of these officers should be absent, some present or past High Priest shall be appointed by the Companions present, to preside.’ As the Companions were very anxious to have their by-laws printed, giving as a particular reason for desiring it, the fact that they really had no by-laws that amounted to anything, they requested me to strike out this provision and make any other changes I deemed best. I accordingly complied with their request, and returned the code to them.”

The following report was adopted, and Comp. A. V. H. Carpenter was appointed to make the codification therein mentioned :—

“ The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the report of the Select Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, have considered the subject matter embraced therein, and recommend as follows:

“ 1st. That a Special Committee be appointed to codify all edicts of this Grand Chapter, all decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priests approved by the Grand Chapter, and all standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter, and arrange the same in proper order, and report at the next Convocation.

“ 2nd. That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to procure the re-printing of all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from the commencement, to and including the proceedings of 1870, in convenient volumes, omitting the names of companions.

3rd. That we recommend the repeal of the provision requiring the recording of marks. As that seems to be a matter for the benefit of the Companions themselves, it would seem best to leave it to their own discretion.”

Resolutions were passed as follows :—

“ RESOLVED, That a protest against the advancement of a candidate may be made privately to the High Priest, and shall thereupon be entered upon the Chapter records, and shall have the same preventive effect and for the same length of time as a rejection by ballot.

“ RESOLVED, That in consideration of the long, faithful, earnest and reliable manner in which Past Grand Secretary, Excellent Wm. T. Palmer, has performed the duties of Secretary of this Grand Chapter during the past fourteen years, and as a mark of the affection and esteem which the Companions of this jurisdiction hold for him, and that he may have a suitable souvenir of their kind remembrance : That the M. E. Grand High Priest be directed to procure a Past Grand Secretary's jewel, to be presented to P. G. Secretary W. T. Palmer, at the next Convocation of this Grand Body.”

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrell has an excellent report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1872 and 1873 are kindly noticed.

M. E. Comp. J. H. Evans was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. W. Woodhull was elected Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

We are indebted to Comp. Stephen J. Young, the Chairman on foreign correspondence, of the Grand Chapter of Maine, for the following valuable table :

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | No. of Subordinates. | Ditto making Returns. | Members. | Exaltations. | Admissions & Restorations. | Dismissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Susp. for non-payment dues | Deaths. | Rejections. |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Alabama..... | 54 | 51 | 1,691 | 112 | 20 | 80 | ... | ... | ... | 37 | 7 |
| Arkansas .. | 69 | 49 | 1,672 | 154 | 19 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 32 | ... |
| California..... | 42 | 42 | 2,268 | 237 | 57 | 82 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 22 | 20 |
| Canada | 54 | 51 | 2,492 | 380 | 15 | 65 | ... | 34 | ... | 20 | .. |
| Connecticut .. | 33 | 30 | 4,166 | 230 | 6 | 79 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 35 | ... |
| Delaware | 6 | 6 | 296 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | ... |
| Dist. Columbia.. | 8 | 8 | 1,093 | 111 | 35 | 40 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 12 |
| Florida | 18 | 14 | 458 | 31 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 19 | ... | 2 | .. |
| Georgia..... | 55 | 43 | 1,927 | 152 | 52 | 95 | 1 | 85 | ... | 38 | 5 |
| Illinois | 153 | 146 | 9,515 | 604 | 83 | 235 | 35 | 146 | ... | 117 | ... |
| Indiana..... | 89 | 83 | 4,332 | 356 | 44 | 97 | 11 | 41 | ... | 69 | ... |
| Iowa | 69 | 69 | 3,268 | 339 | 43 | 124 | 2 | 27 | 35 | 36 | ... |
| Kansas | 25 | 25 | 925 | 121 | 32 | 32 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 10 |
| Kentucky | 106 | 93 | 3,885 | 251 | 62 | 132 | 4 | 73 | ... | 62 | 17 |
| Louisiana | 29 | 25 | 1,494 | 98 | 22 | 46 | 1 | ... | 47 | 35 | 3 |
| Maine | 36 | 36 | 3,500 | 223 | .. | 37 | .. | ... | ... | 37 | 22 |
| Maryland..... | 13 | 13 | 1,313 | 133 | 14 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 11 |
| Massachusetts .. | 64 | 64 | 8,268 | 833 | .. | 141 | 0 | 23 | 9 | 79 | .. |
| Michigan..... | 91 | 90 | 6,791 | 666 | 80 | 219 | 9 | 27 | ... | 76 | .. |
| Minnesota, ‡..... | 22 | 21 | 1,043 | 238 | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mississippi | 80 | 77 | 2,462 | 182 | 101 | 133 | 4 | 7 | 235 | 54 | .. |
| Missouri | 79 | 72 | 3,979 | 382 | 76 | 125 | 13 | 25 | .. | 43 | 35 |
| Nebraska | 9 | 9 | 392 | 67 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| New Hampshire. | 18 | 18 | 1,973 | 127 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| New Jersey | 32 | 32 | 2,583 | 308 | ... | ... | 1 | 62 | ... | 22 | ... |
| New York..... | 190 | 190 | 18,481 | 1,795 | 149 | 285 | 9 | 5 | 571 | 210 | 139 |
| North Carolina.. | 12 | 12 | 439 | 16 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 6 | 6 | 223 | 40 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 2 | ... | 3 | 2 |
| Ohio..... | 132 | 131 | 7,909 | 619 | 254 | 227 | 17 | 1 | 250 | 80 | ... |
| Oregon | 6 | 6 | 203 | 29 | 6 | 12 | ... | 0 | 0 | 2 | ... |
| Pennsylvania.... | 90 | 85 | 9,209 | 987 | 222 | 157 | .. | *194 | ... | 99 | 33 |
| Rhode Island, †.. | 10 | 10 | 1,381 | 177 | 2 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 32 |
| So. Carolina..... | 30 | 30 | 938 | 83 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 20 | ... |
| Tennessee | 94 | 82 | 4,168 | 234 | 45 | 207 | 5 | 20 | ... | 80 | ... |
| Texas..... | 111 | 101 | 4,022 | 431 | 153 | 243 | 12 | 153 | ... | 69 | ... |
| Vermont | 25 | 24 | 1,744 | 98 | 17 | 18 | ... | 3 | ... | 19 | .. |
| Virginia..... | 38 | 34 | 1,639 | | .. | ... | .. | 28 | ... | 13 | ... |
| West Virginia, †. | 5 | 5 | 252 | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Wisconsin | 43 | 43 | 2,633 | 278 | 36 | 64 | 3 | ... | 120 | 25 | 25 |
| | 2046 | 1926 | 125027 | 11204 | 1689 | 3104 | 138 | 993 | 1421 | 1488 | 373 |

* Including expulsions. † For a former year. ‡ Estimated from returns.

CONCLUSION.

We fear that we have in this review somewhat exceeded the limits usually assigned to this committee, and it may be that we have also taxed somewhat severely the patience of our readers, who have endeavored to follow us in this, our annual stroll through the walks of Capitular Masonry, in other jurisdictions. But we have at least tried to present you with a fair summary of the condition of the Royal Craft abroad, and to select from the different proceedings the most interesting matters.

It will be perceived that we, as Royal Arch Masons, have great cause to be gratified at our present state of prosperity, and at the general good feeling and fraternal kindness prevailing among the different Bodies. Such is properly the case, for our Institution would lose one of its noblest characteristics, were not its effects to be productive of peace and good will, especially towards those linked with us in one indissoluble chain of friendship and affection.

IN MEMORIAM.

But the saddest words remain to be written, and our loss is yet too recent to be spoken of with composure. Our beloved Companion, THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, has passed away, and "the place that knew him once, shall know him now no more for ever."

To those who knew him (and who of the Craft in Canada did not), it is needless to say anything in his praise, but we cannot close this Report without bearing our humble tribute of love and respect to one so dear to us all. His devotion to Masonry was well known, and, with him, it was indeed a labour of love. During his Masonic career he was always most zealous in the discharge of its duties, ready to give up his time whenever called upon by the brethren, and ready to embark in every work which required his Masonic assistance. The urbanity of his manner, the equanimity of his temper,

the cheerfulness of his disposition, were all such as to make the performance of his many Masonic duties peculiarly acceptable to all with whom he came in contact, while his vast fund of Masonic knowledge, and his readiness to impart information, rendered him peculiarly fitted for the positions he occupied.

But it is on those who were privileged with his intimacy that the blow falls with the most telling effect. Their sorrow is indeed poignant, and their regret will be more lasting. His memory will be ever green in our hearts. By remembering his many virtues, we will pay him a tribute, such as Masons owe, to those whom Masons revere and love. We can do no more to prove how dearly we loved, and how deeply we respected our departed Companion.

We can only say, that if Masons wish for an example by which to form their own course, they have but to look to the Masonic career of our revered Companion, THOMAS BIRD HARRIS.

We commit his memory to the custody of the Royal Craft, and may peace rest upon his ashes, as honour must ever rest upon his name.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont., Sept. 21st, 1874.

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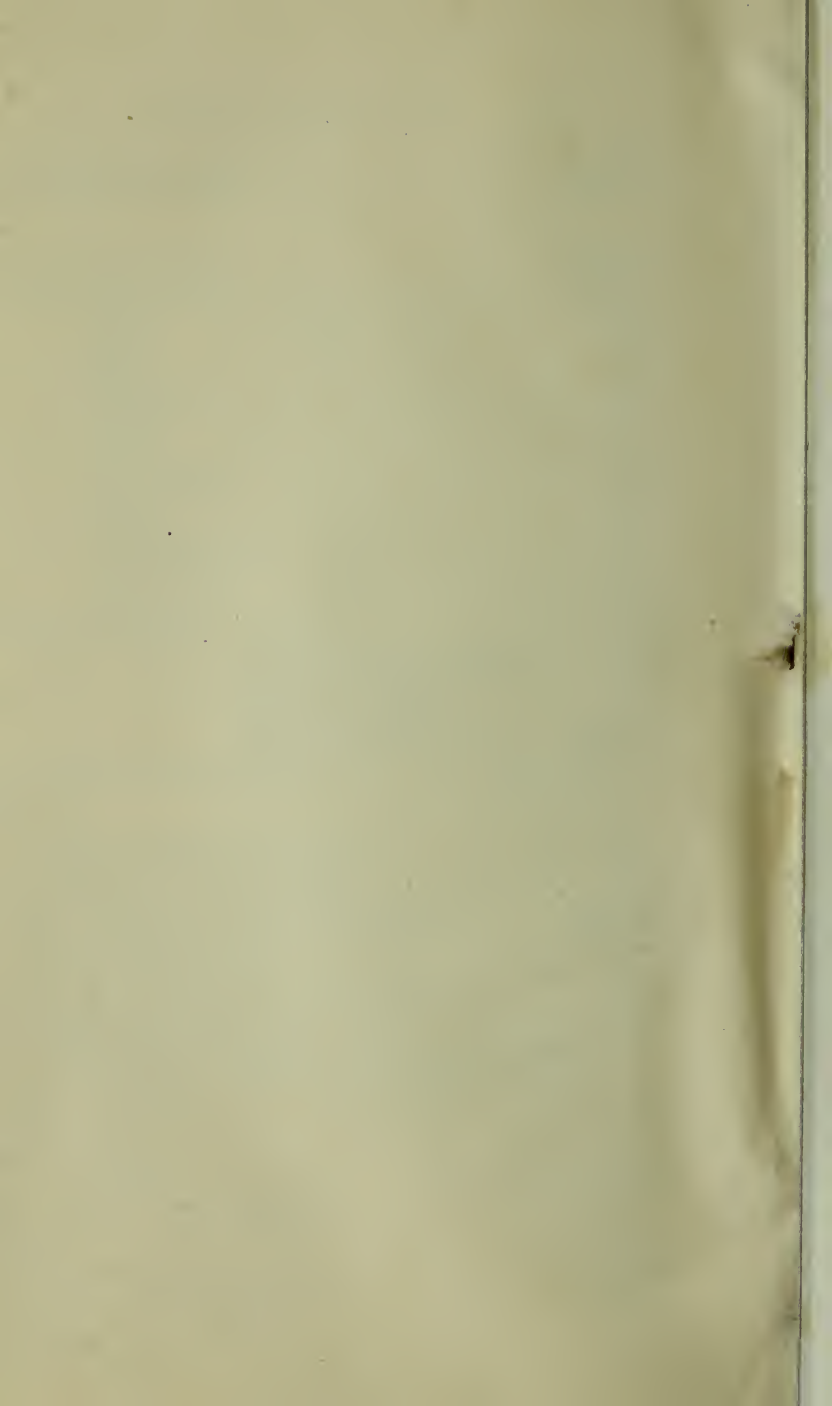
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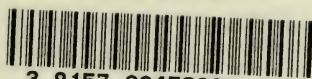
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